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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Leeds Libraries

AND

Arts Committee.

1914-15.

LIBRARIES.

The Libraries and Arts Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, are pleased to record a year of useful work having been done.

NUMBER OF BOOKS USED.

The total number of volumes issued from all departments during the past year was 1,326,411 as against 1,368,080 the previous year, being a decrease of 41,669, but this is accounted for to some extent by all the Libraries being open one day less, and several of the branches closed for alterations, painting and decoration.

In the Reference Department the number of works consulted was 120,481 volumes as against 127,464. In the various classes of books there is a decrease in General Works, Magazines, and Cyclopædias, Religion, Useful Arts, Literature, History, Voyages and Travels, but there is an increase in Philosophy, Philology, Sociology, Natural Science, Fine Arts, Music, Biography and Specification of Patents.

The number of books borrowed from the Central Lending Library for direct home use was 221,182 volumes, and 231,170 in 1913-14. There is a slight decrease in all the classes of books except Prose Fiction, in which there is an increase of 1,715, and of Magazines of 136.

From the Branch Libraries 846,478 volumes were borrowed for home reading, while 138,270 were used in the Juvenile reading rooms. As regards the classes of books used, there have been increases in Magazines and Sociology, and decreases in all other sections.

In consequence of the pre-occupation of the public mind with the war and the heavy demands made upon the workers of Leeds in the clothing and other trades for Army work, there has been a tendency to return to lighter forms of literature, as an antidote from the mental and physical strain of the times through which the country is passing. Consequently Fiction reading during the year has increased from 46.6 per cent. to 48.37 per cent. of the total issue. But at the same time there has been a considerable issue of books on the various countries of Europe and Asia, affected by military movements, and about War origins, the Armies and Navies, Aircraft, Imperial Defence, and of works by French and Russian writers, not to mention other classes.

During the year application was made from Colsterdale Camp on behalf of the Leeds " Pals " Battalion for a loan of Books, Periodicals and Magazines for the use of the men. Your Committee at once complied with the request and well selected books and illustrated papers were sent from time to time for the use of the soldiers who expressed warm appreciation of our work for them.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The usual activities connected with this department have been maintained. An exhibition of literature illustrating seaside and holiday resorts was again arranged for the period of the holiday season, and although no record was kept of the number of references made to these guides, their constant use was sufficient testimony to the value of the work. On the outbreak of the War an exhibition of books illustrating the history and policy of the nations involved, their armies, navies, rulers and important personages, was brought together and arranged in show cases. In addition, a complete classified list was compiled of all works in the Reference Library, and the Central and Branch Libraries, bearing in any way on military matters and the countries, and quite recently a second collection of the more recently published books dealing with the War itself, have been on exhibition, and the public have shown their appreciation by freely using these books.

We would again record that the work and usefulness of the Reference library is greatly impaired by its out-of-the-way position in the Municipal Buildings. It is of course impossible now to remedy the present condition of things, in view of the financial demands of the City, and for the successful issue of the War. When, however, Peace is declared, no doubt proposals will be made for the City to mark the event. It would then be a fitting occasion for some citizen, or even a number of citizens to commemorate the occasion for rejoicing, by the erection of a Central Library worthy

of the City. In such a way the intellectual requirements of the town could be recognised and at the same time Leeds would take its place with other cities and towns where leading citizens have caused to be erected a suitable building for a Central Library. Up to the present Leeds has lacked this generosity for such purposes.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The most important feature of the year's work in connection with the Lending Libraries has been the extension of the "open-access" system to the Dewsbury Road and Sheepscar Branches. The facilities already given to readers at the Armley, Dewsbury Road, Kirkstall, Rodley, and Woodhouse Branches have undoubtedly added to the popularity of these libraries, and are proving the value of the Committee's policy, decided upon three years ago, and the further development to the other libraries of the City is contemplated. At the Woodhouse Moor Branch, since the system was put into operation two years ago, the public have repeatedly expressed appreciation of the change, with the result that in the year 1913-14, the issues were 151,165, being 31,494 higher than the previous year, and again this year it is 158,904, being a further increase of 7,739, and a total increase of 39,233 as compared with 1912-13, the last year of being a closed library. Of the branch libraries it has the largest issue of the year.

The issues for home reading at the Dewsbury Road Branch were 113,563, being an increase of 1,344 on the figures for 1913-14. This is lost, however, in a decrease of 12,967 in the Juvenile Reading Room. The number of books used being 39,126 compared with 52,093.

At the Armley Branch Library, where "open access" has now been in operation for two years, the issues from the Lending Department were 107,106 as against 110,104 last year. In the case of the Juvenile Reading Room there was a slight increase, the figures being 27,620 against 27,497.

At the York Road Branch Library the circulation for home reading was 57,363, a decrease of 7,846 as compared with the total of 65,209, last year. But in the Juvenile Reading Room there was an increase in the use of books, 34,007 being issued as against 29,055. At the Sheepscar Library there is a decrease from 64,772 to 59,038. But this was chiefly owing to the library being closed several days for alterations, painting and decorating, previous to opening for the "open access" system.

Of the smaller branches, Lower Wortley shows an advance on last year's figures, the total books used being 3,656 as against 3,543, but slight decreases took place at the others. They are, however, so small as to scarcely warrant further comment.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS' TICKETS.

The number of borrowers' tickets in force is 33,512 as compared with 32,730 in 1913-14. Of these 8,579 were issued from the Central Library, Armley 3,144, Bramley 1,090, Brownhill 1,204, Burley 171, Chapel-Allerton 1,611, Dewsbury Road 3,327, Farnley 20, Headingley 1,586, Holbeck 1,049, Hunslet 1,046, Kirkstall 692, Lower Wortley 118, Meanwood 73, New Farnley 57, New Wortley 577, Primrose Hill 196, Pudsey Town End 54, Rodley 115, Sheepscar 1,935, Stanningley 253, Upper Wortley 289, Woodhouse Moor 4,627, York Road 1,699.

In order to give borrowers increased opportunities of using the books, regulations have been made so that tickets are available at any of the libraries of the city, and already this privilege has been much appreciated by the general readers and of students in particular.

JUVENILE READING ROOMS.

In the Juvenile Reading Rooms, the total issues have not been so high as last year, being 138,270 against 146,002, a decrease of 7,732, nevertheless the rooms have maintained their popularity with the children using them.

The "half-hour" talks to children were continued during the winter months. After a number of experimental talks in 1912-13, this work has now been made a definite feature of the Libraries' work among the children of the City, and the syllabus for the winter 1914-15, was considerably larger than in the previous year. At the Armley, Dewsbury Road, Holbeck and York Road branch libraries, they are well equipped with suitable rooms, and are the centres, with two weekly talks given at each place, one to a senior section, consisting of children in Standards IV. to VII. in elementary schools and the other to a junior section, of children in Standards I. to III. For the older children the talks took the form of story cycles, including "Robin Hood," "King Arthur," and "Plays of Shakespeare." For the juniors separate story-talks were on "English fairy tales," "French fairy tales," "Scottish fairy tales," "Irish fairy tales," Harris' "Brer Rabbit," Kingsley's "Water Babies," Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird," and were given to a total attendance of over 5,000 children. A number of models and illustrations were prepared and placed on exhibition and these proved of much interest and enabled the children to better understand the subjects of the talks. Many of the children were encouraged to contribute accounts in their own words of the stories they had listened to, and of the

illustration of the principal characters or events, also their favourite story and why, or suggestions for future talks, and over 2,000 written papers were sent in and deposited in the boxes provided for them.

Each year in dealing with the children, it is most noticeable to see their eagerness to read, and use the libraries and reading rooms, and these departments are performing a most useful work. They are, however, too few in number. In far too many cases it is impossible for children to read at home, where there is a large family often crowded into one living room in which all the domestic work of the household is done, and in the winter months the light is poor.

In the work of developing the child for the future, we venture to suggest that the usefulness of the libraries of the city is not subordinate to the school in making a distinct contribution to public education.

THE NEWSROOMS.

It is estimated that the Central and Branch Newsrooms, based upon periodical countings, have been used by 1,868,889 visitors, against 1,239,142 the previous year.

STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES.

During the year 15,374 volumes have been added to the collections. Of these, 14,839 were purchased, and 535 presented. The total number of books now in the Libraries is 327,210. Of these, 105,705 are in the Reference, 53,903 in the Central Lending, and 167,602 in the Branches. Despite the continued reduction of the amount allowed for the purchase of books, every effort has been made to provide a liberal selection of instructive and useful works published during the year. The number of volumes withdrawn as worn-out was 6,701, of these 1,479 have been replaced with new copies.

ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The Reference Library collection of Books has been increased in several directions. The more important additions to be noted are the following :—

Baker (A. E.) A Concordance to the poetical and dramatic works of Alfred, Lord Tennyson. 1914. Balch (H. E.) Wookey Hole, its cave-dwellers ; with an introduction by Professor Boyd Dawkins. 1914. Barrett (C. R. B.) The History of the Society of Apothecaries of London. 1905. Bean (P.) and McCleary (W.) The Chemistry and Practice of Finishing ; a practical treatise on bleaching, and the finishing of white, dyed, and printed cotton goods ; second edition, 2 vols. 1912. Beaumont

(R.) Woollen and Worsted : The Theory and Technology of the Manufacture of Woollen, Worsted, and Union Yarns and Fabrics ; new edition. 1915. Berger (P.) William Blake, poet and mystic ; authorized translation from the French by Daniel H. Conner. 1914. Coke (Desmond) Art of Silhouette. 1913. Cole (Timothy) Old Spanish Masters, Engraved by T. Cole. 1907. Eberlein (H. D.) and McClure (A.) The Practical Book of Period Furniture treating of furniture of the English, American, Colonial and Post-Colonial and principal French Periods. 1914. Gosse (E. W.) British Portrait Painters and Engravers of the eighteenth century. 1906. Grinling Gibbons and his compeers ; Illustrated by sixty photo-types of the principal carvings in the Churches of Saint James's, Piccadilly and Saint Paul's Cathedral ; Edited by Albert E. Bullock. 1914. Hobson (R. L.) Chinese Pottery and Porcelain. 1915. Houghton (Arthur Boyd) A selection from his work in black and white ; with an introductory essay by Laurence Housman. 1896. Lenygon (Francis) Decoration in England from 1660 to 1770. 1914. Lenygon (Francis) Furniture in England, from 1660 to 1760. 1914. Lewis (G. G.) The Practical Book of Oriental Rugs ; with illustrations in colour. 1913. Maspero (Sir Gaston) Egyptian Art. 1913. Memorials of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, comprising the Parish Registers, 1539-1660, and the Churchwardens' accounts, 1460-1603 : Edited by Arthur M. Burke. 1914. Morrison (Arthur) The Painters of Japan, 2 vols. 1911. Perkins (J.) The Most Honourable Order of the Bath : a descriptive and historical account. 1913. Price (J. M.) Dame Fashion : Paris-London. 1913. Reed (Earl H.) Etching, a practical treatise. 1914. Richardson (A. E.) Monumental classic architecture in Gt. Britain and Ireland during the 18th and 19th centuries. 1914. Rivers (W. H. R.) The History of Melanesian Society (Percy Sladen Trust Expedition to Melanesia). 1914. Rose (E. W.) Cathedrals and Cloisters of Northern France. 1914. Ryley (A. Beresford) Old Paste. 1913. Scott's last expedition, Vol. 1 : Being the Journals of Captain R. F. Scott, R.N., C.V.O. Vol. 2 : Being the reports of the Journeys and the Scientific Work undertaken by Dr. E. A. Wilson and the surviving members of the Expedition ; arranged by Leonard Huxley ; with a Preface by Sir Clements R. Markham, 2 Vols. 1913. Seebohm (F.) Customary acres and their historical importance. 1914. Smith (John Raphael) A complete catalogue of plates published by him : Giving titles, prices, exact sizes, and names of the artists and engravers ; A facsimile of the only copy known. 1914. Thomson (W. G.) Tapestry weaving in England. 1914. Tomlinson (W. W.) The North Eastern Railway, its rise and development. 1914. The Victoria History of the County of York, North Riding : Edited by William Page, Vol. 1. 1914. Wedgwood (J. C.) Staffordshire pottery

and its history. 1913. Welch (Charles) Coat Armour of the London Livery Companies: an enquiry based upon original research; with a bibliographical list of authorities and a reproduction in collotype of Richard Wallis's "London's Armoury" published in 1677. 1914. Whatmore (A. W.) *Insulæ Britannicæ: The British Isles, their geography, history, and antiquities down to the close of the Roman period.* 1913.

Several works and pamphlets of local interest have been secured for the Leeds and Yorkshire collection. The following are some of the items:—

Browning (A.) Thomas Osborne, Earl of Danby and Duke of Leeds. 1913. Buckman (S. S.) *Ed.* Yorkshire Type Ammonites, Vol. 1. 1909-12. "Carr Point." Romance of Filey in the Days of Cromwell, N.D. Fawkes (Miss). The Washburn, and other Poems. 1879. Hall (T. Walter) Sheffield Pedigrees. 1915. Jagger (Mrs. M. A.) History of Honley. 1914. Kirkstall and its Neighbourhood. MS.: with water-colour drawing of Kirkstall Grange, and other drawings in sepia. N.D. Mill Hill Chapel Records, 1858-1914 and Mill Hill Chapel Calendar 1879-1898. Victoria History of the County of York, North Riding, Vol. 1, 1914. Plans and Sections accompanying the Report of Capt. Veitch, on the Sewerage of Leeds. N.D. Richardson (W.) Some East Yorkshire Worthies. 1914. Roth (H. L.) Genesis of Banking in Halifax. 1914. Salmon (N.) New Survey of Yorkshire. 1729. Shuffrey (W. A.) Churches of the Deanery of North Craven. 1914. Thoresby Society Publications. Testamenta Leodiensia. Wills of Leeds, Pontefract, Wakefield, Otley and District, 1539 to 1553. Extracted and Edited by George Denison Lumb. 1913. Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society, Vols. 17, 18, 19. 1910-13. Wall (J. C.) Monastic Church of Lestingham. N.D. Yorkshire Archaeological Society. Record Series, Vol. 50: Yorkshire Deeds, Vol. II: Edited by William Brown. 1914. Vol. 51. Yorkshire Star Chamber Proceedings. Vol. III.: Edited by William Brown. 1914. Yorkshire Parish Register Society. Parish Registers of Halifax, Vol. 2. 1538-1593. Transcribed and Indexed by E. W. Crossley. 1914. Parish Registers of St. Andrews, Kildwick-in-Craven, Vol. 1. 1575-1622: Edited by W. A. Brigg. 1913. Register of the Parish Church of Garforth, 1631-1812. Transcribed by G. D. Lumb. 1913. Early Leeds and Otley Chap Books.

The Committee have to record with thanks important donations:—

From the Trustees of the British Museum, the India Office, the Astronomer Royal, H.M. Stationery Office, the Royal Society, the U.S.A. Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution. Official Documents

from the Municipalities of London, Paris, Budapest, Milan, Melbourne, Pretoria, Boston, Winnipeg, and from the Governments of Australia, Canada, British Columbia, New Zealand, Paraguay, and United States. Specifications of Patents from the English, United States and German Patent Office, Patent Journals from the Australian and Canadian Patent Offices. From the Sheffield Public Library Committee: Descriptive Catalogue of the Charters, Rolls, Deeds, &c., forming the Jackson Collection at the Sheffield Public Reference Library. 1914. From Thomas Shaw: Our Conservative Statesmen. By R. J. Albery. From Yoshio Kinshita: An Official Guide to Eastern Asia. Vol. 1, Manchuria and Chosen. Vol. 2, South-Western Japan, 1913-14. From T. Walter Hall: Sheffield Pedigrees. 1915. From Archdeacon J. E. Stocks: Market Harborough Parish Records to A.D. 1530. From the Rev. Charles Hargrove: Mill Hill Chapel Records, 1858-1914, and Mill Hill Chapel Calendar, 1879-98. From the Rev. Edward Cookson: Directory of the Borough of Leeds, the City of York, &c. By W. Parson and W. White. 1830. From Messrs. A. Brown & Sons: Yorkshire by Pen and Picture. Edited by T. Sheppard. 1914. From C. W. Sutton, M.A.: Eleven Chap-books, printed at Leeds and Otley. From F. R. Spark, J.P.: Reports and newspaper cuttings relating to Leeds Societies; and from the Executrix of the late Colonel Edmund Wilson, a number of reports of local societies.

STAFF.

Soon after the War commenced, two of the assistants in the Reference Library joined the Army, and later three other members. The names of the staff now on active service with H.M. Forces are W. Pollitt, R. Haxby, E. Sydney, D. L. Strachan, and H. Bateson. Their duties have been temporarily rearranged without any additional help, so as to provide that the more pressing ones shall, as far as possible, be kept up-to-date. Staff meetings have consequently not been so frequently held, but many topics relative to the working of the library system have been discussed with the members.

BOOKBINDING AND REPAIRS OF BOOKS.

The number of books bound and rebound was 7,301. In addition, a considerable amount of work has been done by the staff, such as the mounting of prints and illustrations, repairing of books and the making of periodical covers.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

There were classified and catalogued 11,085 volumes, and 34,792 catalogue cards and slips written and incorporated in the different catalogue cabinets for the books.

The re-classification of the Central Lending Library, on the Dewey principle has been continued, and 18,952 works dealt with. The entire collection is now ready for the introduction of the "open-access" system when the necessary structural alterations have been made.

In addition to this work 7,252 illustrations have been taken from periodicals and magazines and mounted for a loan collection of prints, for the use of teachers in the elementary schools of the City.

LIBRARY CO-OPERATION WITH SCHOOLS, ETC.

Grants of books suitable for school children have been loaned to the South Accommodation Road Council School, in addition to those previously made to the Sweet Street, Chapeltown, Cross Flatts and Cross Stamford Street Council Schools, St. Matthew's (Camp Road) Voluntary School, and the Shadwell and Thorparch Industrial Schools, and the teachers have expressed their appreciation of the usefulness of the books to the scholars.

LAW LIBRARY.

Attention has been given to the re-binding and repairing of the books and several new editions of Law books and Reports have been obtained.

PATENT LIBRARY.

Numerous complaints have been received from the users of the Patents, as to the continued unsatisfactory arrangements for consulting these publications now housed at the different branch libraries.

Your Committee hope however, that the City Council will in the near future allow them to provide a separate Patent Library to remove this difficulty.

RECEIPTS FOR CATALOGUES AND FINES.

The income received from Fines, Catalogues and lost books, etc., was £637 and £670 last year.

THE PRESS.

The Committee desire to place on record once more their appreciation of the services of the local press in publishing weekly lists of additions to the Reference, Central Lending and Branch Libraries, and in other ways giving publicity to their work.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association to which the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman, along with the City Librarian were appointed to attend at Oxford during September, 1914, was not held, on account of the outbreak of war, but the Annual Business Meeting was held in London, which the City Librarian attended.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, your Committee desire to express the opinion that when the present war is ended and normal conditions prevail, it will be found that the experiences gained by many men as soldiers in foreign lands is certain to stimulate thought, and create a desire for knowledge, others will desire to recover the ground lost in their technical and professional studies, through absence on active service. Every effort is however being made to meet this demand when it comes and provide as many as possible of the latest and best technical, and other books, and make available knowledge of the latest methods of organised production useful to the business man and worker. In the past much information contained in books has not been used by those who might have benefited, but it is now more fully realised that the employment of scientific methods will greatly increase the output of business, and that in the future competition of the world, this country must avail itself of Technical and every other form of education. It is our desire, therefore, to make the libraries an aid to efficiency in all departments of life and reach the ideal laid down by John Milton in his brief treatise on education that "a complete and generous education is that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public of peace and war."

ART GALLERY.

The number of visitors to the Art Gallery for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1915, was 174,107 as compared with 265,391 for 1913-14, and 159,899 for 1912-13 (closed July 16th to September 28th). For the four months April to July, inclusive, the number of visitors was 69,914 as compared with 67,795 in the corresponding four months of 1913, and the great falling off of attendances in the latter part of the year under review may be traced to general and special conditions consequent upon the outbreak of the European War.

By order of the Home Office, no artificial lighting of the galleries is permitted for the present, owing to possible risk from air raids, and the Committee, therefore, have arranged to close the buildings every evening at six o'clock.

In October, at the request of the Belgian Relief Committee, permission was given for the temporary accommodation of some three hundred Belgian Refugees in the City Art Gallery. The South and

East Rooms were converted into dormitories for women and girls, the West and North Rooms and Balcony Vestibule into dormitories for men and boys, meals were served in the Sculpture Gallery and a space cleared in the Central Hall as a playroom for the children. Although several large families spent four nights in the gallery before accommodation was found for them elsewhere, the Committee is happy to state that absolutely no damage was done either to the works of art or to the building. As a matter of precaution, all the rooms in the Art Gallery were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after the departure of the Belgian Refugees, and the building was consequently closed to the public from October 12th to November 28th.

Two members of the Art Gallery staff are now serving with the colours. The Statuary attendant, J. H. Johnson, being a member of the Territorial Army Service Corps, volunteered and was accepted for active service at the outbreak of war, and the Porter attendant James Turver enlisted in September in the 7th Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment. Two other men have been engaged temporarily to carry on their duties.

EXHIBITIONS.

Three special exhibitions have been held during the year. On April 2nd, 1914, Lord Grimthorpe opened a Spring Exhibition of Works by Contemporary artists and gave a stimulating and appreciative address on modern painting. The exhibition remained open till June 6th, and attracted some 40,000 visitors.

Owing to the war the usual autumn exhibition was not held, but on December 21st, an exhibition of a special character was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds in the South and East Rooms. This exhibition consisted of a collection of the original proclamations issued by the German authorities in Brussels and Antwerp during September and October, proclamations issued by Burgomaster Max of Brussels, enlarged photographs of scenes in various parts of Belgium taken after the German invasion, German uniforms, flags and numerous other relics of the war in Belgium.

The exhibition was organised by Miss Bertha Bennett Burleigh, who had spent three months in Belgium during the German occupation, and gave a series of lectures on "What German Invasion Really Means" during the course of the exhibition. This exhibition remained open till January 16th and its high historical and educational value and its

effect in stimulating recruiting were very widely appreciated. An illustrated catalogue containing English translations of the complete series of these historic proclamations was issued, and a few copies of this deeply interesting booklet have been placed on sale, since the close of the exhibition, at the Art Gallery and Public Libraries at the price of threepence, for the benefit of those unable to visit the exhibition.

On January 22nd, an important loan exhibition of Japanese Colour Prints, kindly lent by A. D. Hall, Esq., of Merton, Surrey, was opened by the Chairman of the Art Gallery Committee (Alderman Arthur Willey), and Mr. A. D. Hall gave an illuminating address on the history and technique of the Japanese colour-print. The collection, which consisted of over two hundred prints and included many of the highest rarity and value, admirably illustrated the history of this fascinating art from its early beginnings towards the close of the seventeenth century down to its final decadence, owing to the introduction of aniline dyes, about the middle of the nineteenth century. The exhibition, which remained open till March 13th, proved exceedingly popular, and in view of the importance of Leeds as a colour-printing centre, was recognised to be of special educational and technical value. The Committee desires to record its gratitude to Mr. A. D. Hall for his kindness both in lending his unique collection and also in coming to Leeds to give his lecture.

LECTURES.

Owing to the absorption of interest in the war, it was generally felt to be inopportune to organise any series of art lectures during the autumn and winter, but a series of twelve illustrated lectures on "Belgium and The War" was given at the Art Gallery during December and January by Miss Burleigh and the Curator. Miss Burleigh also repeated her lecture at a Recruiting Meeting held at the Town Hall, when Alderman Arthur Willey was in the Chair and Capt. Hill and the Curator also spoke. Lectures on "Belgium and the War" have also been given by the Curator (who was in Brussels on vacation at the outbreak of hostilities), to the Leeds "Pals" Battalion at Colsterdale, the Miners' Battalion at Farnley, the "Bantams" Battalion at Ilkley, and other societies and Institutions in Leeds and the West Riding. During the year the Curator has also, by arrangement, conducted round Exhibitions or sections of the Permanent Collection parties from various schools, clubs and societies, and has given lectures on Art subjects at Armley, Bingley, Bradford, Brighouse, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Elland, Harehills, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Mill Hill, Roundhay, Sowerby Bridge, Wakefield, Wortley, &c.

ACCESSIONS TO THE GALLERY.

The following works have been added to the Gallery during the year :—

“The Standard Bearer,” oil painting by Sir John Gilbert, presented by the family of the late J. R. Fritch, Esq., of Moor Allerton.

“A late Summer Afternoon in England,” oil painting by J. W. North, A.R.A., presented by the children of the late Joseph Hepworth, Esq.

“A Quiet Sunday Afternoon at Scheveningen,” oil painting by D. A. C. Artz, bequeathed by Miss Harding.

“Hesitation,” oil painting by Walter Hunt, bequeathed by Miss Harding.

“Portrait of a Man,” oil painting on panel, by Frans Pourbus of Antwerp (1569-1622), presented by Miss Elaine Barran on behalf of a body of subscribers. This important work was purchased from the collection of M. Gaston Neumann of Brussels, till recently a refugee in Leeds, out of a special fund successfully raised under circumstances of special difficulty by Miss Barran, and the Committee desires to acknowledge that it is entirely due to this lady’s energy and enthusiasm and the generosity of her subscribers that this masterpiece of Old Flemish portraiture has been secured for the City of Leeds.

“Cats,” lithograph by Theodore Alexandre Steinlen, presented by Messrs. Brown and Phillips, of Leicester Square, London.

The Committee desires to convey its warm thanks to all these donors, and also to Mr. Frank H. Fulford for his loan of the “Haymakers,” by Frank Brangwyn; to Dr. M. E. Sadler, C.B., for his loans of “In the Dublin Mountains,” by Wm. Orpen, A.R.A., and two watercolours by C. J. Holmes, one drawing by D. Y. Cameron, A.R.A., and five drawings by Augustus John; and to Mr. R. H. Kitson for his loan of seven etchings by M. Bauer, D. Y. Cameron, A.R.A., C. H. Jacque, Alfonse Legros (2) and Wm. Strang, A.R.A. (2). The Leeds Art Collections Fund, which issues a separate report, has acquired during the year the following works, all of which are now placed in the City Art Gallery :—

“The Argument,” statue, plaster bronzed, by Merwyn Lawrence.

“Mid-day Rest,” watercolour, by Camille Pissarro.

William and Mary Antique Gilt Table.

Six Etchings and Lithographs by Goya, Jacquemart (2), J. F. Millet, Wm. Rothenstein, and Steinlen.

The Committee warmly acknowledge the helpful activity of this Society and desires to express its grateful thanks to the Chairman (Dr. M. E. Sadler, C.B.), Committee and Members of this Fund for their continued interest in and generosity towards the City Art Gallery.

LOANS.

The following works have been lent to other Galleries and Exhibitions during the year :—

“A Venetian Funeral,” F. Brangwyn, A.R.A. Venice International Exhibition.

“A Village Funeral,” F. Holl. Anglo-American Exhibition, London.

“Cheyne Walk,” Laura Knight.	} Royal Glasgow Institute of Fine Arts.
“Winter Pastures,” Mark Fisher.	

“Lady of Shalott,” J. W. Waterhouse, R. A. Laing Gallery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Twenty-six Paintings from the Permanent Collection were also lent for a fortnight during the Easter Holidays to the Castleford Secondary School.

The sum of £22 1s. 2d. has been received in royalties on sale of picture post cards and reproductions of pictures in the Permanent Collection.

During the year the Permanent Collection has been carefully re-valued for insurance, with the result that the total amount has been increased from £37,518 to £44,734. Of this increase about £2,800 represents the value of new gifts made to the Gallery during the past two years.

B. ROBERTS,
Chairman of the Libraries
and Arts Committee.

ARTHUR WILLEY,
Chairman of the Sub-Libraries and
Arts (Art Gallery) Committee.

THOMAS W. HAND,
City Librarian.

FRANK RUTTER,
Curator, Art Gallery.

Dated the 22nd day of July, 1915.

ANNUAL ISSUES OF VOLUMES FROM EACH LIBRARY SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

YEARS.	1 Reference.	2 Central Reading.	3 Arnley.	4 Beeston.	5 Bramley.	6 Brownhill.	7 Burley.	8 Chapel- town.	9 Dewsbury Road.	10 East Street.	11 Farnley.	12 Headingley.	13 Holbeck.	14 Hunslet.	15 Kirkstall.	16 Lower Wortley.	17 Meanwood.	18 New Farnley.	19 New Wortley.	20 Primrose Hill.	21 Pudsey Town End.	22 Rothley.	23 Sheepscar.	24 South Ward.	25 Stanning- ley.	26 St. Peter's Square.	27 Upper Wortley.	28 Wood- house.	29 York Road.	30 Juvenile Libraries.	31 Travelling Libraries.	32 Juvenile School Libraries.	Annual Total.	Estimated Number of Visitors to News- rooms.
1870-1	32,910	26,963	59,873	107,763
1871-2	26,691	81,422	25,068	24,856	158,087	116,893
1872-3	28,049	247,992	27,300	28,951	332,292	149,039
1873-4	31,593	250,344	820	28,955	30,659	342,371	197,559
1874-5	38,306	235,924	28,898	...	22,926	...	2,415	28,934	20,525	377,928	217,463
1875-6	47,076	228,806	26,126	...	21,227	...	18,454	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,151	...	...	...	...	19,438	9,464	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,926	...	...	...	395,668	366,974
1876-7	51,509	245,224	25,555	590	15,393	...	20,060	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,281	8,111	543	...	...	21,928	18,077	...	...	10,406	...	...	...	...	9,288	...	...	...	449,965	660,099
1877-8	61,324	248,457	26,425	5,920	13,582	...	21,815	4,219	...	...	1,546	...	19,235	23,384	7,596	8,993	...	2,329	23,959	21,120	...	3,532	27,856	...	5,388	508	...	10,042	270	...	...	538,400	1,244,740
1878-9	68,753	264,675	31,561	6,032	20,944	...	20,697	12,242	19,412	...	5,148	...	25,520	23,648	7,071	7,538	...	6,411	25,869	21,288	...	2,561	55,046	...	4,370	4,484	...	10,270	4,979	...	...	648,539	1,518,745
1879-80	69,520	268,200	30,562	4,726	21,991	...	22,074	11,362	17,657	1,263	3,958	...	25,807	23,789	6,130	5,313	...	3,732	22,610	17,501	...	2,075	72,083	...	4,391	6,763	...	8,023	5,641	...	...	655,171	1,404,529
1880-1	76,703	285,596	29,829	5,030	20,802	...	24,551	10,212	21,451	12,221	4,647	...	27,213	34,839	8,527	4,484	...	2,596	28,116	23,128	...	2,235	70,805	...	4,110	6,001	...	8,248	4,915	...	...	716,319	943,228
1881-2	71,417	272,147	29,104	3,183	17,944	...	20,959	9,473	14,335	8,855	3,362	...	24,546	36,184	7,833	3,849	...	2,096	26,198	22,707	...	2,431	64,608	...	4,842	4,126	...	7,693	4,126	...	...	662,018	928,658
1882-3	73,833	266,296	28,898	2,402	17,807	...	17,779	8,617	14,475	6,951	3,357	...	22,993	36,148	8,783	2,900	...	2,260	28,256	19,318	...	2,086	57,360	...	4,205	4,431	...	7,951	5,009	...	...	642,175	843,557
1883-4	78,986	275,885	29,720	2,417	18,801	...	18,152	9,247	12,566	6,288	3,160	...	21,654	32,374	8,570	2,994	...	3,198	29,291	17,122	...	1,920	54,887	...	4,206	4,813	...	6,628	7,779	1,936	...	652,594	886,673	
1884-5	88,022	342,038	30,959	1,626	20,479	...	16,291	9,770	10,870	6,591	3,175	12,531	25,548	28,868	8,347	3,243	...	4,292	30,326	16,213	...	1,102	57,503	...	3,929	4,731	...	4,245	9,283	13,628	...	753,610	1,000,736	
1885-6	103,092	398,674	30,388	1,817	19,134	...	14,585	10,444	9,990	8,137	3,078	14,532	27,146	34,815	8,435	3,971	...	2,128	32,362	15,511	...	962	62,978	...	5,344	3,980	...	3,484	8,317	12,232	...	835,556	1,037,164	
1886-7	114,401	390,019	28,031	1,407	20,823	...	13,377	10,578	9,678	8,118	2,486	14,185	24,592	35,091	8,555	2,908	...	1,650	32,025	14,538	...	1,234	58,253	...	5,792	3,444	...	3,795	4,631	13,394	...	823,005	1,147,090	
1887-8	71,642	197,603	17,071	525	13,003	...	6,476	5,516	5,232	4,717	1,412	7,994	15,243	17,753	4,895	1,480	...	894	19,931	7,384	...	994	29,111	...	3,179	1,380	...	2,690	3,100	7,994	370	447,499	610,498	
1888-9	122,466	384,647	32,614	1,835	25,273	...	12,447	11,023	10,514	10,218	1,175	19,031	27,921	35,971	9,574	2,782	...	4,454	41,919	12,569	...	1,860	57,532	...	6,602	1,778	...	6,025	6,335	14,700	819	862,084	1,194,117	
1889-90	110,487	339,370	31,973	2,467	27,007	...	14,123	9,299	10,112	8,465	3,834	21,186	23,929	34,831	9,903	3,068	...	5,923	40,808	11,083	...	1,459	60,315	...	5,844	...	...	8,314	6,004	12,850	517	803,171	1,249,634
1890-1	117,424	314,012	27,663	2,698	26,511	...	12,870	9,058	12,152	9,001	3,963	22,146	22,955	35,090	9,907	2,962	...	4,591	39,789	10,993	...	1,278	61,795	...	6,747	...	...	10,402	5,988	12,334	90	782,329	1,276,899
1891-2	114,875	372,361	27,465	658	27,793	...	12,773	8,963	11,539	9,662	3,353	21,584	23,718	49,391	10,379	700	...	4,108	43,535	9,564	...	1,387	73,605	...	7,482	...	...	12,728	12,764	41,213	...	901,600	1,483,244
1892-3	111,451	376,730	29,056	...	27,399	...	12,841	8,452	13,775	9,860	2,817	24,710	24,731	55,768	11,402	808	...	3,734	45,358	13,166	1,625	...	76,968	...	7,842	...	...	14,304	20,103	40,760	...	933,660	1,521,030
1893-4	134,381	369,616	29,580	...	26,451	...	11,933	8,088	18,471	9,532	2,847	27,797	26,156	55,161	10,936	4,679	...	3,908	47,098	11,534	5,223	2,156	68,676	...	8,580	...	...	13,339	21,561	62,197	...	979,900	1,627,698
1894-5	145,114	374,765	30,902	...	30,703	...	12,513	8,594	23,070	9,300	2,571	28,437	30,143	50,607	12,559	4,567	...	3,963	48,696	11,277	4,228	3,167	67,565	...	9,087	...	...	11,902	18,926	96,256	...	1,038,912	1,736,298
1895-6	142,884	362,105	27,984	...	25,138	...	15,687	9,385	23,165	8,574	2,439	28,327	27,411	46,284	12,659	3,500	...	3,533	42,260	10,465	1,270	2,139	69,201	...	7,118	...	...	11,365	16,127	89,592	...	991,012	1,678,029
1896-7	136,037	379,469	26,920	...	22,942	...	17,220	7,901	21,235	7,805	2,946	27,307	25,665	42,486	12,173	3,493	...	1,965	37,569	10,659	4,347	1,459	64,982	...	8,226	...	...	15,818	15,183	93,259	...	986,166	1,431,119
1897-8	127,866	418,466	26,085	...	21,478	...	16,785	10,350	19,891	7,039	2,653	28,253	24,311	46,485	12,051	3,718	...	3,991	41,324	10,533	4,160	1,349	65,058	...	7,172	...	...	14,038	15,809	86,026	...	1,014,893	1,497,343
1898-9	129,585	389,481	23,762	...	23,219	...	15,877	13,044	17,392	6,619	2,413	29,306	26,474	40,475	13,188	2,987	...	4,281	40,505	9,378	4,212	1,338	53,421	...	5,876	...	...	14,599	15,561	69,413	...	943,406	1,560,000
1899-1900	116,448	332,417	23,501	...	18,766	...	14,741	14,088	16,339	5,958	1,847	24,111	23,818	36,188	13,290	2,779	...	3,551	42,703	7,085	3,616	1,550	47,857	...	5,281	...	...	12,515	13,090	62,633	...	844,172	1,511,000
1900-1	126,159	360,365	22,685	...	21,828	...	13,392	14,296	16,156	5,618	1,686	39,128	27,193	44,645	13,032	3,321	...	3,994	47,370	9,208	3,054	1,744	56,926	...	10,263	...	15,080	14,537	14,026	51,145	...	936,851	1,650,000	
1901-2	129,673	366,266	20,857	...	24,286	...	14,686	15,203	18,204	5,744	1,504	49,818	33,758	48,606	11,589	3,750	...	4,826	52,730	11,346	3,003	2,456	65,883	...	15,365	...	19,860	12,687	18,533	38,677	...	988,710	1,662,000	
1902-3	127,075	345,581	130,705	...	26,876	...	13,998	15,931	14,306	5,955	1,398	45,719	31,985	49,208	12,746	3,240	...	3,606	43,244	12,229	2,941	3,033	64,451	...	13,828	13,639	142,849	17,938	27,814	...	1,176,295	1,913,756
1903-4	120,830	325,575	130,022	...	28,058	...	13,359	14,511	126,722	5,107	1,632	43,881	40,502	43,083	16,261	3,452	...	2,841	35,165	13,235	2,863	2,563	63,713	...	13,390	...	11,318	135,247	19,257	17,387	...	1,229,924	2,310,299	
1904-5	129,360	330,559	126,301	...	30,087	...	13,120	59,827	169,836	6,062	2,305	49,165	86,465	42,239	21,917	3,107	...	2,812	33,808	13,780	2,748	2,663	58,701	...	12,401	...	10,959	146,957	64,601	4,673	...	1,423,553	2,517,040	
1905-6	128,972	333,507	139,258	...	31,336	35,555	12,934	64,353	175,624	4,973	2,653	55,601	85,997	44,483	26,474	2,964	3,408	3,313	27,458	12,725	2,974	3,239	64,974	2,981	9,368	...	11,965	145,692	105,046	...	...	1,536,930	2,742,644
1906-7	121,344	284,120	125,236	...	30,738	43,069	12,300	63,940	165,901	3,020	2,250	53,017	82,180	39,720	23,836	3,251	3,821	2,855	25,410	12,549	1,817	3,051	62,606	...	8,261	...	13,768	136,182	100,691	...	2,372	...	1,430,719	2,649,612
1907-8	125,657	279,559	136,843	...	32,086	41,759	12,162	62,607</																										

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

OPENED IN INFIRMARY STREET, OCTOBER, 1871 ; REMOVED
TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, JUNE, 1884.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE
REFERENCE LIBRARY.

				1913-14.		1914-15.
General Works	..	..	..	10,589	..	10,871
Philosophy and Religion	..	..	..	8,222	..	8,586
Sociology	..	..	..	12,751	..	13,318
Philology	..	..	..	816	..	839
Natural Science	..	..	..	9,612	..	9,763
Useful Arts	..	..	..	7,686	..	7,918
Fine Arts	..	..	..	6,294	..	6,577
Literature	..	..	..	10,598	..	10,904
History	..	..	..	14,626	..	15,013
Voyages and Travels	..	..	..	5,389	..	5,609
Biography	..	..	..	6,850	..	7,099
Directories	..	..	..	198	..	218
Specifications of Patents	..	..	..	8,831	..	8,990
TOTAL				102,462	..	105,705

LAW LIBRARY.

ESTABLISHED IN THE TOWN HALL, 1864 ; TRANSFERRED
TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1892.

				1913-14.		1914-15.
Number of Volumes	Law Reports	..	..	1,533	..	1,541
"	"	Text-Books..	..	260	..	260
"	"	Other Publications	..	234	..	234
TOTAL				2,027	..	2,035

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES CONSULTED, 1914-15.

MONTHS.	General Works, Cyclopedias, and Magazines.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	History.	Voyages, Travels.	Biography.	Directories.	Specifications of Patents.	Total Number of Volumes Issued for each Month.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average for all Classes.
April, 1914	1,395	387	464	853	301	731	957	615	223	1,102	700	348	407	1,490	906	10,879	24	453
May "	1,372	300	443	1,310	283	700	832	775	221	1,193	845	413	454	1,645	284	11,070	26	425
June "	1,364	279	380	942	260	685	742	749	197	873	683	372	445	1,508	145	9,624	24	401
July "	1,369	348	495	1,241	328	497	843	621	225	658	797	420	363	1,563	280	10,048	27	372
August "	1,492	311	460	937	289	507	872	556	229	821	606	368	362	1,156	180	9,146	24	381
September, 1914	1,518	300	449	950	299	552	938	695	238	759	635	452	345	1,402	615	10,147	26	390
October "	1,526	337	460	1,073	359	653	1,043	745	266	1,039	618	394	431	1,313	590	10,847	27	401
November "	1,418	302	437	1,336	391	645	937	618	223	834	733	373	428	1,198	301	10,174	25	406
December "	1,338	340	383	1,032	319	658	797	591	233	777	666	314	408	1,131	552	9,539	26	366
January, 1915	1,294	300	496	961	293	635	824	757	215	895	858	367	418	1,316	384	10,013	26	385
February "	1,183	254	370	900	248	559	969	704	230	745	626	325	374	1,090	197	8,774	24	365
March "	1,313	288	457	1,107	415	684	931	786	240	951	766	319	544	1,246	173	10,250	27	378
Totals, 1914-15	16,582	3,746	5,294	*12,642	3,785	7,506	10,685	8,212	2,740	10,647	8,533	4,465	4,979	16,058	4,607	120,481	306	393
Totals, 1913-14	16,669	3,402	5,568	+13,118	3,670	7,437	13,119	7,674	2,354	112,638	9,619	4,603	4,683	19,760	3,150	127,464	307	415

*Including 2,828 Law Books consulted in the Law Library.

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A COMPARISON OF THE VOLUMES ISSUED SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT,
IN THE OLD CLASSIFICATION BEFORE THE NEW CLASSIFICATION WAS ADOPTED.

YEARS.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Specifications of Patents.	Total.	Daily Average of the Books Issued.
	Theology, &c.	Natural Science, &c.	Jurisprudence, Law, &c.	Sociology.	Education, Language.	Topography, Antiquities.	Classical Literature.	Literature.	Natural History.	Arts and Technology.	General History.	Biography.	Poetry and the Drama.	Geography, Voyages, Travels.	Dictionaries, Heraldry.			
1871-80.	11,424	17,595	6,745	3,272	7,571	13,568	6,441	148,952	14,287	51,579	19,190	9,303	14,852	26,870	52,714	18,458	422,821	149
1881-90.	21,222	44,128	13,930	6,992	21,115	30,682	15,070	295,623	30,314	108,553	37,197	17,584	30,887	37,051	152,313	48,388	911,049	321
1891-1900.	29,889	61,824	14,739	11,702	23,043	34,587	10,660	410,247	34,513	152,700	36,746	21,405	34,114	49,272	218,113	123,511	1,267,065	412
1900-1.	2,706	6,063	936	1,474	1,899	2,696	500	44,535	2,507	14,625	3,481	2,588	1,839	3,762	26,703	9,845	126,159	412
1901-2.	3,876	6,593	1,027	2,266	4,005	2,723	570	46,031	2,434	16,269	3,612	2,595	2,019	3,481	24,834	6,738	129,073	423
TOTALS.	69,117	136,203	37,377	25,706	57,633	84,256	33,241	945,388	84,055	343,726	100,226	53,475	83,711	120,436	474,677	206,940	2,856,167	

NEW CLASSIFICATION.

YEAR.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	History.	Voyages, Travels.	Biography.	Directories.	Specifications of Patents.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average of the Books Issued.
1902-3.	36,360	1,654	3,420	6,368	2,559	6,159	12,935	8,966	82	6,947	8,874	4,124	2,984	20,167	5,476	127,075	304	417
1903-4.	29,036	1,311	3,855	6,205	3,287	5,593	14,034	8,272	1,024	8,105	7,877	4,170	3,072	20,417	4,572	120,830	306	394
1904-5.	28,038	1,541	4,577	12,407	3,341	6,423	14,388	8,106	1,482	8,638	7,200	4,473	3,153	20,777	4,816	129,360	305	424
1905-6.	25,855	1,338	4,569	12,335	3,563	6,969	13,755	7,568	1,282	8,482	7,941	4,537	3,422	23,439	3,917	128,972	310	412
1906-7.	23,725	1,279	4,403	11,443	3,848	6,256	10,633	6,372	1,809	10,434	7,658	4,061	3,589	21,925	3,849	121,344	303	400
1907-8.	24,216	1,412	4,869	11,255	4,183	6,864	11,357	6,514	1,524	10,473	8,773	4,291	3,375	22,091	4,520	125,657	307	409
1908-9.	27,867	1,571	3,363	13,297	2,204	7,624	10,830	6,558	1,401	8,724	7,729	4,015	2,542	22,783	5,066	125,874	304	414
1909-10.	25,420	1,718	3,511	17,853	2,216	8,076	11,159	7,275	1,663	11,486	8,725	5,053	2,941	22,307	4,662	134,765	303	444
1910-11.	26,221	2,371	3,884	20,523	2,373	8,066	12,345	7,271	2,083	12,440	8,968	5,039	3,689	23,188	4,800	143,267	306	468
1911-12.	20,120	2,844	3,994	16,789	1,745	7,306	11,897	6,523	1,965	10,884	9,465	4,014	3,527	19,664	4,037	124,774	304	412
1912-13.	17,558	2,974	5,226	12,884	2,743	7,894	12,627	7,123	2,210	11,754	9,672	4,229	4,636	19,963	4,255	125,748	303	415
1913-14.	16,669	3,402	5,568	13,118	3,670	7,437	13,119	7,674	2,354	12,638	9,619	4,603	4,683	19,760	3,150	127,464	307	415
1914-15.	16,582	3,746	5,294	12,642	3,755	7,506	10,685	8,212	2,740	10,647	8,533	4,465	4,979	16,058	4,607	120,481	306	393

BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES IN STOCK.

OLD CLASSIFICATION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Theology and Philosophy.	History and Biography.	Voyages and Travels.	Science, Art, and Technology.	Fiction.	General Literature and Magazines.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTALS.
Bramley	285	708	372	838	4,213	425	1,154	7,991
Brownhill	105	274	103	306	2,234	121	570	3,713
Burley	50	252	138	234	2,090	124	506	3,394
Chapel-Allerton ..	516	1,043	525	1,247	5,404	602	1,373	10,710
Farnley	46	175	128	124	960	45	655	2,133
Headingley	207	697	393	605	4,394	319	996	7,611
Holbeck	375	1,102	519	1,448	4,272	374	1,734	9,822
Do. Juvenile ..	13	31	18	37	..	69	534	702
Hunslet	411	1,242	544	1,493	4,499	813	1,296	10,298
Kirkstall	181	430	307	534	2,763	392	909	5,517
Lower Wortley ..	62	251	192	174	1,053	143	514	2,389
Meanwood	10	70	21	46	442	30	34	653
New Farnley	61	164	127	169	1,216	102	727	2,569
New Wortley	322	967	441	1,143	4,432	467	1,070	8,842
Primrose Hill ..	51	293	153	365	1,816	165	764	3,607
Pudsey Town End	58	75	56	113	666	43	268	1,273
Rodley	61	156	130	159	1,085	114	425	2,133
Sheepscar	224	1,959	227	2,361	5,658	875	870	13,174
Stanningley	71	227	138	266	1,602	139	734	3,177
Upper Wortley ..	77	220	142	179	1,404	61	175	2,258
Juvenile Circulating Libraries ..	4	56	..	89	..	..	2,529	2,672
TOTALS 1914-15	3,190	10,392	5,674	11,930	50,203	5,423	17,837	104,649
TOTALS 1913-14	3,134	10,225	5,605	11,551	48,110	5,345	18,544	102,511

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES IN STOCK.—NEW CLASSIFICATION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Sociology.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	Fiction.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.
Central Lending ..	2,146	4,289	2,640	5,738	1,755	1,392	3,028	15,815	1,268	7,467	3,316	5,049	53,903
Armley	101	959	756	1,318	484	139	743	5,777	239	1,518	638	1,559	14,231
Do. Juvenile Room	126	25	24	111	9	..	23	..	6	70	36	812	1,242
Dewsbury Road ..	138	972	771	1,619	468	129	866	6,234	217	1,821	955	1,861	16,051
Do. Juvenile Room	117	14	..	104	..	..	124	..	4	60	85	825	1,333
Woodhouse Moor ..	332	757	688	1,337	607	74	953	6,987	350	1,819	821	1,454	16,179
Do. Juvenile Room	..	8	•9	49	1	..	24	..	1	51	34	645	822
York Road	335	603	469	1,029	392	..	570	5,298	68	1,242	588	1,454	12,048
Do. Juvenile Room	79	11	6	68	1	..	19	..	4	46	42	771	1,047
TOTALS 1914-15 ..	3,374	7,638	5,363	11,373	3,717	1,734	6,350	40,111	2,157	14,094	6,515	14,430	116,856
TOTALS 1913-14 ..	3,318	7,365	4,917	10,989	3,505	1,715	6,109	38,487	2,145	13,673	6,215	14,993	113,431

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ADDED, WITHDRAWN, BOUND, AND LOST.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Number of Volumes Purchased.	Donations.	Worn-out Books Replaced.	Books Withdrawn as Worn-out or useless.	Number of Volumes Bound.	Books Lost or Damaged by Borrowers and Paid for.	B I a no Re e
Reference ..	2,748	495	..	130	902	..	
Central Lending ..	1,958	7	408	2,277	1,688	19	
Armley	1,458	5	102	484	682	11	
Bramley	216	1	33	103	352	2	
Brownhill	151	..	17	321	312	..	
Burley	84	..	18	9	23	..	
Chapel-Allerton ..	368	2	86	344	255	5	
Dewsbury Road ..	1,105	4	61	395	480	5	
Farnley	82	..	..	6	2	..	
Headingley	360	3	56	158	361	3	
Holbeck	413	2	66	103	232	8	
Hunslet	366	2	54	275	219	7	
Kirkstall	331	1	5	47	218	2	
Lower Wortley ..	46	..	2	8	..	..
Meanwood	326	..	..	84	5	..	
New Farnley	35	..	..	4	2	..	
New Wortley	226	2	14	109	117	3	
Primrose Hill ..	59	..	21	9	44	1	
Pudsey Town End	13	..	1	..	1	..	
Rodley	30	..	1	5	5	..	
Sheepscar	1139	2	347	1,222	820	11	
Stanningley	65	1	3	109	48	1	
Upper Wortley ..	65	1	17	40	106	..	
Woodhouse Moor	1001	4	109	238	118	8	
York Road	715	3	58	179	309	4	
Juvenile Circulating Libraries ..	..	..	..	42	..	..
TOTALS 1914-15	13,360	535	1,479	6,701	7,301	90	
TOTALS 1913-14	8,475	516	1,587	8,445	8,371	82	

* NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Sociology.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	Fiction.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average.
Central Lending (Day) ...	3,073	6,360	5,286	14,672	5,432	3,548	7,647	130,315	216	9,119	6,518	26,996	221,182	306	722
Armley (Day) ...	1,315	1,185	2,076	4,573	1,419	65	1,229	62,540	627	3,293	1,710	27,074	197,106	306	350
Bramley (Day) ...	97	274	404	1,244	235	...	350	23,657	190	1,507	793	10,670	39,421	296	133
Brownhill (6) ...	321	148	144	433	13	5	214	20,307	85	365	194	13,278	35,507	305	116
Burley (3) ...	...	5	...	30	...	...	179	3,993	...	54	52	2,856	7,169	153	46
Chapel-Allerton (Day) ...	1,611	443	272	927	292	...	732	40,347	265	1,252	916	8,742	55,799	306	182
Dewsbury Road (Day) ...	4,115	1,091	1,924	5,439	1,999	867	2,769	63,497	693	3,878	2,734	24,557	113,563	305	372
Farnley (1) ...	...	1	...	15	...	...	1	549	...	21	9	833	1,429	52	27
Headingley (Day) ...	638	285	152	508	284	...	529	39,427	182	683	616	11,341	54,646	306	178
Holbeck (Day) ...	...	169	885	905	254	5	180	22,761	134	793	525	12,398	39,256	306	128
Hunslet (Day) ...	691	207	218	979	230	15	156	21,864	113	1,079	670	12,330	38,552	306	126
Kirkstall (Day) ...	273	145	67	437	143	21	199	15,015	129	428	232	5,439	22,528	299	75
Lower Wortley (2) ...	...	5	...	29	...	...	20	1,713	...	57	27	1,805	3,656	101	36
Meanwood (2) ...	38	2	...	...	...	...	...	2,423	...	20	5	264	2,752	98	28
New Farnley (1) ...	...	2	...	25	...	...	2	1,230	...	22	19	609	1,909	49	39
New Wortley (Day) ...	270	194	94	654	155	36	181	12,442	75	649	312	4,878	19,940	306	65
Primrose Hill (3) ...	...	2	...	54	...	...	8	4,030	...	150	78	4,680	9,002	153	58
Pudsey Town End (2) ...	...	25	...	50	...	...	17	1,368	...	53	38	407	1,958	101	19
Rodley (6) ...	236	40	64	69	12	3	36	2,612	18	139	76	1,783	5,088	304	16
Sheepscar (Day) ...	140	339	114	2,213	246	54	1,000	34,101	295	1,984	1,535	17,017	59,038	286	206
Stanningley (Day) ...	...	168	83	299	...	...	72	5,847	...	...	...	2,830	9,299	300	31
Upper Wortley (Day) ...	...	242	203	436	...	...	170	6,249	...	...	...	2,640	9,944	306	32
Woodhouse Moor (Day) ...	2,858	1,162	1,444	3,797	1,262	581	2,270	95,161	1,079	3,593	2,359	27,929	143,495	306	468
York Road (Day) ...	546	465	879	1,868	391	...	545	30,148	156	2,183	868	19,314	57,363	306	187
Juvenile School Libraries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,058	8,058	...	...
Totals 1914-15 ...	17,107	12,959	13,671	39,656	12,367	5,200	18,506	641,596	6,258	31,322	20,286	248,732	1,067,660	...	...
Totals 1913-14 ...	16,402	15,734	13,156	47,713	13,315	5,444	21,149	637,531	6,729	34,523	23,603	259,315	1,094,614	...	...

* The figures in parentheses, following the names of the Libraries, denote the number of evenings which they are open each week.

JUVENILE READING ROOMS.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1914-15.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average.
Armley Juvenile Room ..	6,534	235	409	35	3	867	11	19,526	27,620	291	94
Dewsbury Road Juvenile Room ..	9,015	695	2,131	6,411	94	1,278	2,064	17,438	39,126	304	128
Holbeck Juvenile Room ..	5,915	449	1,031	121	1	528	894	13,169	22,108	304	72
Woodhouse Moor Juvenile Room ..	..	92	278	511	10	558	305	13,655	15,409	304	50
York Road Juvenile Room ..	8,076	65	653	209	4	1,136	585	23,279	34,007	304	111
TOTALS 1914-15 ..	29,540	1,536	4,502	7,287	112	4,367	3,859	87,067	138,270	..	..
TOTALS 1913-14 ..	28,570	1,425	5,822	9,627	233	4,695	5,255	90,375	146,002	..	..

CENTRAL AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS MADE FOR THE RETURN OF BOOKS.

Name of Library.	Applica- tions to Borrowers for Overdue Books.	Applica- tions to Guarantors for Overdue Books.	Applica- tions to Borrowers as to Books Lost or Damaged.	Applica- tions to Guarantors as to Books Lost or Damaged.	Personal Applica- tions.	Total Applica- tions.
Central Lending ..	2,761	70	52	5	45	2,933
Armley	503	..	9	..	25	537
Bramley	129	..	..	..	4	133
Brownhill	74	5	2	..	4	85
Burley	3	..	..	..	32	35
Chapel-Allerton ..	215	..	..	..	3	218
Dewsbury Road ..	397	41	11	9	21	479
Farnley .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Headingley	88	9	6	9	8	120
Holbeck	143	1	7	..	20	171
Hunslet	159	..	13	..	34	206
Kirkstall	108	..	4	..	4	116
Lower Wortley ..	5	3	1	..	..	9
Meanwood	15	1	2	..	2	20
New Farnley .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Wortley	143	..	2	..	14	159
Primrose Hill ..	24	2	..	..	1	27
Pudsey Town End	2	..	..	..	2	4
Rodley	1	..	..	..	11	12
Sheepscar	300	..	42	..	25	367
Stanningley	42	11	..	..	4	57
Upper Wortley ..	51	3	2	..	6	62
Woodhouse Moor	892	24	11	1	22	950
York Road	503	16	10	5	18	552
TOTALS 1914-15	6,558	186	174	29	305	7,252
TOTALS 1913-14	7,140	149	229	25	319	7,862

CENTRAL AND BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS' TICKETS ISSUED DURING 1914-15.

Name of Library.	Number of Tickets Issued and in Force, 1914-1915.	Number of Tickets Issued and in Force, 1913-1914.
Central Lending	8,579	8,489
Armley	3,144	3,029
Bramley	1,090	1,070
Brownhill	1,204	1,056
Burley	171	205
Chapel-Allerton	1,611	1,627
Dewsbury Road	3,327	2,843
Farnley	20	92
Headingley	1,586	1,527
Holbeck	1,049	994
Hunslet	1,046	1,032
Kirkstall	692	704
Lower Wortley	118	88
Meanwood	73	75
New Farnley	57	70
New Wortley	577	638
Primrose Hill	196	225
Pudsey Town End	54	55
Rodley	115	144
Sheepscar	1,935	1,796
Stanningley	253	257
Upper Wortley	289	302
Woodhouse Moor	4,627	4,412
York Road	1,699	2,000
TOTALS	33,512	32,730

MALES.	Central Lending.	Armley.	Branley.	Brownhill.	Burley.	Chapel- Allerton.	Dewbury Road.	Farnley.	Healdingley.	Hollbeck.	Hunslet.	Kirkstall.	Lower Worley.	Meanwood.	New Farnley.	New Worley.	Primrose Hill.	Pudsey Town End.	Roddley.	Sheepscar.	Stanningley.	Upper Worley.	Woodhouse Moor.	York Road.	TOTALS.
Accountants and Auditors	67	3	2	6	4	4	4	4	8	1	4	7	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	13	2	1	15	2	114
Agents and Collectors	132	20	11	12	3	26	33	3	18	5	4	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	2	4	32	30	358
Architects and Surveyors	50	2	1	2	1	9	5	5	11	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	13	6	104
Artists and Draughtsmen	116	23	5	5	1	14	32	1	6	2	2	5	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	10	6	1	34	1	256
Artizans	76	85	27	11	3	20	51	8	1	4	48	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	19	71	447
Bakers and Confectioners	20	1	1	5	1	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	58
Barristers and Solicitors	20	19	15	1	8	9	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	8	43
Building Trades	27	19	15	16	8	7	12	1	4	6	9	6	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	31	1	2	24	15	199
Cabinetmakers, &c.	80	25	3	26	10	10	41	1	26	26	10	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	10	3	1	59	15	348
Clergymen and Ministers	63	13	2	1	1	5	8	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	16	2	120
Clerks	833	265	41	67	3	75	214	1	74	31	40	25	1	3	3	33	1	3	3	86	6	14	175	36	2,030
Commercial Travellers	109	11	5	11	28	23	23	1	20	1	1	6	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	26	1	53	4	301	
Dyers	11	2	7	6	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	43
Electricians	42	34	1	6	1	5	20	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	17	157
Engineers, Fitters, &c.	158	147	29	35	14	39	204	1	25	78	113	19	2	2	2	45	13	2	10	26	7	2	65	51	1,086
Gentlemen	48	23	6	1	35	17	17	1	13	8	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	44	3	221
Labourers	26	27	13	12	7	2	27	2	10	16	35	2	3	2	1	19	6	2	1	25	3	3	25	35	273
Leather Trades	39	15	29	16	7	2	4	1	6	8	2	3	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	19	3	2	108	14	456
Managers and Senior Clerks	126	19	11	16	1	33	50	1	21	5	8	21	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	5	2	1	38	10	162
Medical, Dentists, &c.	60	21	1	4	1	6	18	1	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	5	181
Mechanican and Manufacturers	68	15	1	10	1	18	6	1	9	2	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	22	33	385
Metal Workers	107	41	7	14	3	57	3	1	2	29	11	17	3	1	1	8	1	1	1	15	7	2	19	6	136
Painters and Paperhangers	24	12	3	15	5	10	13	2	2	5	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	19
Photographers	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	83
Police Officers	20	12	1	10	1	1	10	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1	1	62	26	521
Printers, Bookbinders, &c.	175	30	17	27	1	14	51	1	2	23	7	13	1	2	18	3	3	1	1	29	1	1	62	26	521
Railway Servants	55	72	7	42	3	29	29	1	17	11	9	9	1	1	24	24	99	4	16	362	52	59	18	26	326
Scholars	430	429	138	120	16	132	432	4	169	190	257	70	23	4	10	72	99	4	16	15	1	4	609	277	3,974
Schoolmasters and Teachers	146	39	10	20	1	22	38	1	28	5	4	7	1	1	2	10	3	1	1	36	4	2	48	16	406
Shop Assistants	93	45	15	7	23	44	3	1	8	7	29	6	1	2	10	3	1	1	1	47	10	5	53	29	418
Shopkeepers	199	46	8	30	4	31	48	1	22	19	21	6	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	50	32	591
Students	138	20	9	10	1	18	32	1	9	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	1	2	27	9	304
Tailoring Trades	323	37	7	41	4	19	38	1	8	38	8	3	1	1	1	16	4	1	1	77	1	2	86	41	757
Warehousemen, Salesmen, &c	113	28	7	23	3	12	31	1	12	14	15	8	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	27	1	2	52	12	370
Woolen Operatives	21	15	19	12	1	9	9	1	2	2	2	8	6	1	1	5	1	4	8	23	16	18	76	70	687
Miscellaneous	118	49	28	46	14	6	91	1	34	39	2	21	6	9	1	16	2	1	2	61	8	10	69	14	739
Not Described ..	333	19	40	35	1	10	58	2	34	1	7	13	7	4	2	6	1	5	1	1	1	69	14	14	739
TOTALS, 1914-15 ..	4,473	1,636	521	727	103	652	1,761	12	631	590	666	301	56	40	31	341	145	33	54	1,027	144	152	2,000	969	17,065
TOTALS, 1913-14 ..	5,225	1,687	557	654	139	694	1,674	46	661	637	673	361	53	30	41	397	156	36	76	1,028	150	174	2,166	1,215	18,530

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BORROWERS' TRADES—Continued.

FEMALES.																									
Central Lending.	Armsley.	Bramley.	Brownhill.	Barley.	Chapel-Allerton.	Dewsbury Road.	Farnley.	Headingley.	Holbeck.	Hunslet.	Kirkstall.	Lower Wortley.	Meanwood.	New Farnley.	New Wortley.	Primrose Hill.	Pudsey Town End.	Rodley.	Sheepscar.	Stanningley.	Upper Wortley.	Woodhouse Moor.	York Road.	TOTALS.	
Artizans ...	50	81	42	5	...	6	...	7	...	32	26	...	...	4	7	...	...	...	4	13	8	18	24	324
Bakers and Confectioners ...	9	7	9	5	...	3	7	...	1	1	1	4	3	2	...	4	2	4	8	2	71
Clerks, &c. ...	190	75	26	19	...	43	89	...	14	10	10	10	2	...	6	...	...	4	36	3	153	22	153	750
Domestics, &c. ...	97	27	35	5	6	41	42	...	25	28	9	...	...	3	7	1	...	3	39	...	90	20	523	
Dressmakers, &c. ...	100	38	13	5	2	29	67	1	7	12	10	1	...	5	3	...	...	5	29	...	5	83	23	467
Housewives ...	755	450	108	97	18	349	449	...	195	135	116	148	4	11	5	74	11	4	231	7	43	823	139	4,184	
Professional & Gentlemen	120	37	1	10	1	103	15	...	4	...	9	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	1	...	1	142	...	457
Scholars ...	399	402	119	128	17	142	426	3	157	101	110	73	32	5	8	42	18	1	239	32	36	542	236	3,286	
Schoolmistresses & Teachers	188	51	24	16	1	58	53	...	40	8	7	12	1	...	...	9	1	1	14	2	4	120	28	640
Shop Assistants ...	121	40	4	25	...	19	19	1	18	8	16	6	2	...	...	8	4	1	...	...	...	48	15	398
Students ...	138	18	8	13	...	41	20	...	5	...	5	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	71	9	335
Tailoring Trades ...	300	81	9	58	10	3	104	1	12	83	41	8	4	...	...	40	11	2	...	...	9	76	83	1,025
Miscellaneous ...	35	33	29	18	10	1	35	...	39	1	9	14	4	10	2	...	12	4	5	3	17	32	313
Not Described ...	516	51	111	69	3	86	89	2	328	11	2	29	2	12	4	10	...	10	...	136	38	17	189	61	1,776
TOTALS, 1914-15 ...	3,018	1,391	538	470	68	918	1,421	8	879	438	376	358	62	33	26	224	51	21	61	874	108	132	2,380	694	14,549
TOTALS, 1913-14 ...	3,264	1,342	513	402	66	933	1,169	46	866	357	359	343	35	45	29	241	69	19	68	768	107	128	2,246	785	14,200

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BORROWERS' AGES.

Burgesses ...	2,331	746	268	343	85	464	849	...	413	274	234	176	19	27	14	181	40	27	35	464	63	76	1,119	378	8,626
Under 15 years of age ...	1,014	892	312	347	50	289	939	10	326	356	439	161	63	11	19	144	124	5	37	634	93	113	1,109	575	8,082
From 15 to 20 years ...	1,404	457	139	90	12	205	457	1	130	147	139	87	22	5	9	80	14	11	8	242	21	15	609	199	4,303
From 21 to 25 years ...	777	251	61	71	7	102	226	...	74	70	73	33	2	3	6	40	3	...	11	118	15	13	348	142	2,446
From 26 to 30 years ...	397	160	43	61	...	126	146	...	59	44	44	33	3	...	1	29	6	...	2	76	10	5	230	75	1,562
From 31 to 40 years ...	319	209	46	50	3	158	179	2	75	52	55	34	1	2	...	30	6	...	5	90	11	10	289	79	1,712
From 41 to 50 years ...	120	128	28	45	...	139	52	...	31	18	17	17	...	...	...	11	1	...	4	33	4	5	156	30	840
Above 50 years ...	111	76	9	30	1	51	39	...	22	11	14	9	...	...	...	13	1	...	1	14	2	4	125	30	565
Age not stated ...	1,018	108	153	160	13	36	295	7	380	56	27	109	7	25	7	37	1	...	3	210	33	43	395	155	3,278
TOTALS, 1914-15 ...	7,491	3,027	1,059	1,197	171	1,570	3,182	20	1,510	1,028	1,042	659	118	73	57	565	196	54	115	1,901	252	284	4,380	1,663	31,614
TOTALS, 1913-14 ...	8,489	3,029	1,070	1,056	205	1,627	2,843	92	1,527	994	1,032	704	88	75	70	638	225	55	144	1,796	257	302	4,412	2,000	32,730
RECAPITULATION.																									
Males ...	4,473	1,636	521	727	103	652	1,761	12	631	590	666	301	56	40	31	341	145	33	54	1,027	144	152	2,000	969	17,065
Females ...	3,018	1,391	538	470	68	918	1,421	8	879	438	376	358	62	33	26	224	51	21	61	874	108	132	2,380	694	14,549
TOTALS, 1914-15 ..	7,491	3,027	1,059	1,197	171	1,570	3,182	20	1,510	1,028	1,042	659	118	73	57	565	196	54	115	1,901	252	284	4,380	1,663	31,614

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LENDING LIBRARIES AND NEWSROOMS.

NAME, LOCALITY, DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT, &C., OF EACH
LENDING LIBRARY AND NEWSROOM.

DAY LENDING LIBRARIES

Name.	Locality.	Date of Establishment.	Hours When Open.	
			Lending Library.	Newsroom.
Central ...	Municipal Buildings...	April, 1872 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Hunslet ...	Hunslet Road ...	October, 1870 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
New Wortley ...	Whitehall Road ...	October, 1870 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Armley ...	Stocks Hill, Armley...	September, 1874	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Bramley ...	Hough Lane ...	December, 1874	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Woodhouse ...	Woodhouse Moor ...	June, 1876 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Kirkstall ...	Abbey Road, Kirkstall	January, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Sheepscar ...	Chapeltown Road ...	June, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Stanningley ...	Baptist School ...	October, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Holbeck ...	Nineveh Road ...	October, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Chapel-Allerton	Harrogate Road ...	April, 1878 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
York Road ...	York Road ...	August, 1878 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Dewsbury Road	Dewsbury Road ...	October, 1878 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Headingley ...	North Lane ...	November, 1884	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Upper Wortley...	Upper Wortley Road	January, 1900 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

EVENING LENDING LIBRARIES.

Name.	Locality.	Date of Establishment.	Hours When Open.
Burley ...	Council School, Burley Road	June, 1875 ...	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Primrose Hill ...	Council School, Primrose Hill	March, 1876 ...	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Lower Wortley	Council School, Lower Wortley	August, 1877 ...	Tuesday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Rodley ...	Baptist School, Rodley	October, 1877 ...	Every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
New Farnley ...	Council School, New Farnley	May, 1878 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Farnley ...	Council School, Old Farnley	May, 1878 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Pudsey Town End ...	Balloon Row, Intake Road, Pudsey	December, 1892	Tuesday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Meanwood ...	Wesleyan School, Meanwood	April, 1905 ...	Monday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Brownhill ...	Council School, Harchills Lane	July, 1905 ...	Every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Woodhouse Moor Library was opened in the present building on 12th March, 1902; the present Armley Library on 17th April, 1902; the Dewsbury Road Library on 24th July, 1903; the Holbeck Library on 26th November, 1903; the Chapel-Allerton Library on 28th January, 1904; the York Road Library on 11th October, 1904; and the Rodley Library on 25th March, 1912. Juvenile Reading Rooms are open at the Woodhouse Moor, Armley, Dewsbury Road, Holbeck, and York Road Libraries, from 6.0 to 9.0 every evening, and on Saturday afternoon from 2.0.

STATISTICS.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

	1914-15.	1913-14
Number of Volumes in Stock	105,705	102,464
" " Purchased	2,748	3,141
" " Presented	495	453
" " Withdrawn as worn-out, duplicate or useless	130	7
" " Issued	120,481	127,464
" " Bound	902	1,112
Daily average of Volumes issued	393	415

LENDING LIBRARIES.

Number of Volumes in Central Lending Library	53,903	53,807
Daily average of Volumes issued in Central Lending Library	722	753
Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	163,158	157,381
" " in Juvenile Reading Rooms	4,444	4,757
" " Purchased	12,091	9,999
" " Presented	40	63
" " Withdrawn as worn-out or useless	6,571	8,445
" " Issued in Central Lending Library	221,182	231,170
" " Issued in Branch Lending Libraries	846,478	863,444
" " Issued in Juvenile Reading Rooms	138,270	146,002
Number of Borrowers' Tickets Issued	33,512	32,730
Number of Volumes Bound	6,399	8,371
Applications to Borrowers for the Return of Books	7,252	7,862
Volumes Lost or Damaged and Paid for	90	82
" Lost by Borrowers and not yet recovered	7	17

GENERAL.

Total Number of Volumes in all the Libraries	327,210	318,407
Total Number of Volumes Issued	1,326,411	1,368,080
Estimated Number of Visitors to Central Newsroom	475,000	550,000
" " to Branch Reading Rooms	1,393,889	1,650,000
Population		459,260
Area of the City		26,263 acres.
Rateable Value of the City		£2,226,552
Amount Produced by Rate		£13,207

DATA.

Public Libraries' Act Adopted	March, 1868
First Chairman of the Libraries' Committee	Alderman W. Glover Joy
First Librarian Appointed	July, 1870
First Branch Libraries Opened at Hunslet and New Wortley	October, 1870
Central Reference Library Opened in Infirmary Street	October, 1871
Central Lending Library Opened	April, 1872
Central Library Removed to Municipal Buildings	June, 1884
School Libraries Established in Board Schools	September, 1884
Second Librarian Appointed	January, 1898
System of Juvenile Circulating Libraries Established	February, 1900
Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Leeds	September, 1903
Extra (non-fiction) Tickets issued	November, 1904
System of Travelling Libraries Established	October, 1906
Old Leeds Exhibition of Books, Prints, etc., held from	July to September, 1908
Open Access System Inaugurated at Rodley Branch	March, 1912
" " " Kirkstall "	June, 1912
" " " Armley "	October, 1912
Story Half-hour Talks to Children Inaugurated	December, 1912
Open Access System Inaugurated at Woodhouse Moor Branch	April, 1913
" " " Dewsbury Road Branch	October, 1914
" " " Sheepscar Branch	January, 1915
School Libraries Closed... ..	1905
Total Issue of Books since the Opening	40,614,752

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Leeds Libraries

AND

Arts Committee.

1915-16.

LIBRARIES.

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Report upon the work of the Libraries during the year ending 31st March, 1916.

The total recorded circulation of books from all departments for the year was 1,250,927 as compared with 1,326,411 the previous year. The decrease of 77,484 volumes is chiefly due to the war, which has affected the work of the Libraries. Many of the regular readers and students are away on Military or Naval Service, while others are occupied with munition making. In addition to this cause the Hunslet Branch was closed on September 30th, 1915, and it involved a loss of 23,475 volumes being used.

Of the total issue of books 48.81 per cent. was fiction, being slightly higher than the 48.37 last year.

The Libraries have been extensively used during the war for the circulation of a large number of placards, pamphlets and leaflets, in connection with the recruiting campaign for the Army, and on the necessity of the nation exercising thrift.

The Central Committee of National Patriotic Organizations sought the aid of the Libraries in their work, and several thousands of their publications on the importance of the public studying the deeper causes which led to the present European War, were distributed over the counter by the staff.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS' TICKETS.

The number of borrowers admitted to the privilege of using the Central and Branch Lending Libraries amounted to 31,268, or 2,244 less when compared with last year ; the majority of the 2,244 borrowers having left for Army or Navy Services.

OVERDUE BOOKS AND RECEIPTS FOR FINES, ETC.

In the course of the year the income from Fines, Catalogues, and for lost books, etc., was £608 gs. 11d. as compared with the previous year of £637.

NEWSROOMS.

The use of the Newsrooms has been more affected by the War than the other departments. The restricted lighting of the streets during the winter period has also accentuated the attendance, as many people would not venture out in the dark. It is estimated however, that the Central and Branch Newsrooms have been used by 1,700,000 visitors.

STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES.

At the beginning of 1914-15, the total number of volumes in the Libraries was 327,210 Volumes, and it is now 334,396.

The total additions for the year were 10,635, of this number 1,899 volumes were replacements.

At the end of the previous year the stock in the Reference Library consisted of 105,705 volumes. With the addition of 2,586 volumes it is now 108,291. In the Central Library, it was 53,903 and is now 54,370 volumes, an increase of 467 volumes. Branch Libraries 167,602, at the present time 171,735, an increase of 4,133.

In spite of a continued reduced appropriation allowed for the purchase of books your Committee endeavoured to obtain a selection of the best works as published, paying particular regard to technical books. And in view of the great historical importance of the European War, and of the questions to which it has given rise, the chief published works connected with the conflict have also been obtained. In this way it is hoped that these works will not be merely a means for sound present judgment, regarding the war, but will prove to be valuable materials for the future student and general reader, who may use the libraries.

During the year 5,743 books have been prepared and sent for re-binding, which includes 693 volumes for the Reference Library ; 1,309 for the Central Lending Library, and 3,741 for the branches. In addition the library staff have repaired several thousand volumes.

In the work of keeping the collection of books in sound condition, care has been exercised in selecting only such books that are worth re-binding. Many times it has been found more economical to buy a new copy of a work, than to re-bind a much used one, because the poor quality of the paper will not last out the binding.

During the year many worn-out books, disused magazines and periodicals have been sent to the City Hospitals, also Beckett's Park and East Leeds Military Hospitals and have been much appreciated by the recipients.

DONATIONS.

Many of the gifts to the Library during the past year have been of interest, and the grateful thanks of the Committee have been tendered to the donors. Among the donations are the following :—

From the American Art Association. Catalogue of the Art Treasures forming the Library of the late General Brayton Ives, 1915. From the Registrar, Balliol College, Balliol College Register. 1832-1914. Edited by E. Hilliard, 1914. From the Boston, Mass. Public Library Committee, Catalogue of the Allen A. Brown Collection of Music in the Public Library of the City of Boston. 2 Vols. 1910-14. From the Trustees and Governors of the John Rylands Library, Manchester :—Sumerian Tablets from Umna. Translated by C. L. Bedall. 1915. Catalogue of the Greek Papyri. 2 Vols. Edited by J. de M. Johnson and Others. 1915 : Woodcuts of the Fifteenth Century, reproduced in facsimile, with an introduction and notes by Campbell Dodgson. 1915. From Lord St. Oswald. Catalogue of the Pictures and other works of Art, in the Collection of Lord St. Oswald at Nostell Priory, by Maurice W. Brockwell. 1915. From Mrs. E. Rutherford Stuyvesant. The Collection of Arms and Armor of Rutherford Stuyvesant, 1843-1909, by Basford Dean, 1914. Various important publications have also been received from New York State Library, the Trustees of the British Museum, Astronomer Royal, India Office, H.M. Stationery Office, Library of Congress, several departments of the United States Government, American and English Patent Office, and the Smithsonian Institution. Official Documents from the Municipalities of London, Melbourne, Sydney and Tokio, and from the Governments of Australia, British Columbia, Canada, New South Wales and New Zealand.

ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The collection of books in the Reference Library has been increased in many directions by recent publications. A few of the chief works may be mentioned as follows :—

Behn (Aphra) Works. Edited by Montagu Summers, 6 Vols. 1915.
Benton (J. H.) John Baskerville. Type-founder and Printer. 1706-1775.

1914. Bibliographical Society Publications :—Abstracts from the Wills and Testamentary Documents of Printers, Binders, and Stationers of Cambridge, 1504-1699. By G. J. Gray and W. M. Palmer, 1915. Hand-list of English Books in the Library of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, printed before 1641. 1915. Blücher (H.) Modern Industrial Chemistry. Translated by J. P. Millington (1916). Brangwyn (Frank) & Sparrow (W. S.) A Book of Bridges. 1915. British Coal-Tar Industry, its origin, development and decline. Edited by W. M. Gardner, 1915. Dodds (Madeleine H. and Ruth.) The Pilgrimage of Grace, 1536-1537, and the Exeter Conspiracy, 2 Vols. 1915. Eddy (A. J.) Cubists and Post-Impressionism. 1915. Gardner (Arthur). French Sculpture of the 13th Century. Examples of Mediaeval Art illustrating the works at Reims and showing their place in the history of sculpture. 1915. Hyamson (A. M.) Dictionary of Universal Biography of all Ages and of all peoples. 1916. Lemberger (E.) Portrait Miniatures of five centuries. 1915. Pennell (E. R. & Joseph). Lithography and lithographers. Some chapters in the history of the art, with descriptions and technical explanations of artistic methods. 1915. Shakespeare (W.) The Tragedy of King Richard II. Printed for the third time by Valentine Simmes in 1598. Reproduced in Facsimile from the unique copy in the library of William Augustus White, Esq., with an introduction by Alfred W. Pollard. 1916. Steward (W. A.) War Medals and their History. Whitley (W. T.) Thomas Gainsborough. 1915.

LOCAL COLLECTION.

Interesting additions have been made to the Leeds and Yorkshire collection of books, pamphlets, prints and maps. The more important additions made is as follows :—

Early Yorkshire Charters : being a collection of documents anterior to the 13th Century made from the Public Records, Monastic Chartularies, Roger Dodsworth's Manuscripts and other available sources. Vol. 2. Ed. by W. Farrer, 1915. Markham (D. F.) History of the Markham Family. 1854. Palliser (J. H.) Rawdon and its History. 1914. Parsons (D). Diary of Sir Henry Slingsby, Bart., of Scriven, 1836. Thoresby Society Publications :—Leeds Parish Registers, Edited by G. D. Lumb, 1722-1758. 1914. Pullein (Catherine). The Pulleyns of Yorkshire. 1915. Sedgwick (Adam). Memorial by the Trustees of Cowgill Chapel and Supplement. 1868-70. Sheppard (T.) Bibliography of Yorkshire Geology. Yorkshire Archaeological Society : Record Series :—1915. Feet of Fines for the County of York. Edited by W. Paley Baildon. 1914. West Riding Sessions Records. Edited by John Lister. 1915. Yorkshire

Church Plate. Vol. 2. By T. M. Fallow and H. B. McCall. (Extra Volume.) 1915. Yorkshire Fines for the Stuart Period. Vol. 1. 1915. Edited by W. Brigg. Yorkshire Parish Register Society Publications :— Parish Registers of Harewood. Transcribed and edited by Wm. Brigg. Part 1. 1914. Rotherham. Part II-III. Ed. by G. D. Lumb. 1914-15.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The total issues in the Reference Library during the year under review was 106,628, as compared with 120,481 last year. The classes of books being:—General Works 12,574. Philosophy 3,442. Religion 4,909, Sociology 10,523, Philology 4,170, Natural Science 7,540, Useful Arts 10,022, Fine Arts 7,707, Music 2,721, Literature 10,467, History 8,415, Voyages, Travels, 4,069, Biography 4,675, Directories 12,877, Specifications of Patents 2,517.

In addition to the use of books, a large number of persons visited the Reference Library to consult current numbers of the Society Transactions, and chief periodicals not placed in the Newsroom, and the large number of works of reference to be found on the Open Shelves.

Many inquiries were received each day at the counter, or through the telephone, for out-of-the way information, and these were satisfactorily answered.

Through the year exhibits of works dealing with the War, Gardening, Flowers, and the Tercentenary of Shakespeare's death were shown in cases.

The collection of selected and mounted illustrations taken from illustrative magazines and periodicals, and intended for the use of teachers and others has been added to, and now numbers 13,000 items.

The necessity of improved facilities being given to readers who desire to consult the American, English and German Specifications of Patents still continues. The present arrangement of these publications being stored at the Dewsbury Road and York Road Branches is most inconvenient, and annoying to the public. Your Committee hope, however, that during the coming year, it may be feasible to obtain a suitable building wherein to store all the patent publications, and provide shelving for the bound files of the Leeds Newspapers dating from 1737.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

In the Central Lending Library the number of books borrowed for home reading amounted to 187,704 as against 221,182 a decrease of 33,478. The Classes of books borrowed were as follows :—Magazines 2,952. Theology and Philosophy 5,782, Sociology 3,622, Useful Arts and

Sciences 13,116, Fine Arts 4,792, Music 2,591, Literature 6,880, Fiction 110,499, Poetry and The Drama 1,975, History and Biography 8,340, Geography and Travels 4,925, Juvenile Literature 22,230.

The Central Lending Library has been considerably affected in the circulation of books apart from the cause of the war already stated, by the postponement of a scheme for the introduction of the Open-Access System, and for which a contract had been accepted. The result being that many of the borrowers transferred their tickets to those branches where this facility has been inaugurated, and is so much appreciated. It is hoped, however, when the war is over to carry out the necessary alterations for the working of the Open-Access System, and no doubt this department will then resume its ordinary, or even accelerated activities.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The volumes used at the Branch Libraries numbered 820,221 Volumes, as against 846,478, which is a decrease of 26,257 as compared with 1914-15. The classes of books used were as follows:—Theology and Philosophy 6,459, Useful Arts 24,650, Music 1,359, Literature 8,867, Fiction 500,134, History and Biography 19,214, Geography and Travels 13,596, and Juvenile Literature 209,150, but there is an increase of 2,804 in Magazines, Sociology 98, Fine Arts 356, Poetry and the Drama 138.

Particular attention has been given to the standardizing of the work of all the branch libraries, with a view of stimulating the efforts of the staff, and aiding their endeavours to render efficient service to the people of their respective neighbourhoods.

Each year the Committee is much impressed with the continued increased use of the Armley, Chapeltown, Dewsbury Road, Holbeck, York Road and Woodhouse Moor branches, since they were provided with buildings especially erected for library purposes, and they feel convinced that equally satisfactory results would follow in other districts if suitable buildings could be provided. It is quite evident the people will use books if they are placed within easy reach of where they reside, and in suitable and attractive buildings. It is therefore most gratifying to your Committee to be in a position to report that they hope ere long to be able to further improve the branch library facilities at Bramley, Brownhill, Burley and New Wortley. This has been made possible, as the result of an appeal being made to the Trustees of the Carnegie Trust, who have most generously promised a grant of £18,200 for these branches, provided that free sites are secured from other sources than out of the library rate, and that building operations are deferred until after the war.

We regret it has been necessary to close the Hunslet Branch—one of the first libraries to be opened in Leeds, through inability to come to terms with the Committee of the Mechanics' Institution, for a continuance of the tenancy. The books are now stored at the York Road Branch until some other accommodation can be provided for the district.

EVENING BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The use of the evening Branch Libraries at Brownhill, Burley, Farnley, Lower Wortley, Meanwood, New Farnley, Primrose Hill, Pudsey and Rodley, still continues to partially serve the requirements of the districts having regard to their location. But as already intimated, the full demands of the districts will only be met when special buildings, suitable for library purposes are provided.

THE JUVENILE READING ROOMS.

This department of work has been interfered with considerably through the darkened condition of the streets at night, as many of the parents of the children forbade them to be out of doors.

The issue of books amounted to 136,374 volumes, as compared with 138,270, a decrease of 1,896 last year.

It is a most encouraging feature of our work to know that hundreds of children under 14 years of age come to the libraries for assistance. The argument sometimes urged that reading library books causes pupils to neglect their studies is abundantly contradicted by the experiences of the teachers, who find their best scholars to be invariably those who are members of the library and read its books. We therefore venture to think it cannot be doubted that good educational work is being done in the Juvenile departments of the Libraries. The reading of the young people under proper direction is still capable, however, of greater development, and doubtless in the near future the Board of Education will in some form acknowledge the value of the work that the Public Library is rendering in creating a better civilisation.

The Story-Telling Hour is still a most popular feature. Talks have been given by the Assistant set apart for this purpose, on "Animals, Wild and Tame"; "Britain Overseas"; the "Story of our Colonies"; Great Writers of the 19th Century:—Dickens, Kingsley, Scott, Stevenson, and other subjects.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The Card Catalogue of the Reference Library has been again revised, and all the additions of the year inserted. In addition to this work being done, the 10,365 volumes received for the libraries have been classified, catalogued, and made available with a minimum of delay. The Cards, and the slips written for the various catalogues numbered 24,925. In connection with the work of cataloguing, it is increasingly felt that if the collections of books are to be used to their full extent, they must be well catalogued. Some years ago the indexing and cataloguing of valuable material to be found in Society Transactions and other publications commenced, and it has been much appreciated judging by the increased use made of these publications, since being so catalogued.

In consequence of three members of this staff being away on Military Service, it has not been possible to issue as many type-written topical lists as in previous years, and it has also been necessary to postpone many other projects until after the war.

THE PRESS.

The Yorkshire Weekly Post as in past years, has continued each week to generously insert in its columns a list of the chief additions made to the Reference and Central Lending Libraries, and the *Armley and Wortley News* has done the same for the Armley Branch, and they have also notified any special work being done.

STAFF.

Of the staff of the Libraries the following are on military service :— W. Pollitt, R. Haxby, D. L. Strachan, E. Sydney and H. Bateson.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Your Chairman (Councillor B. Roberts) and the Deputy Chairman (Councillor T. Pearson), along with the City Librarian attended the Annual Meetings of the Library Association which were held in London from the 31st August to 2nd September, and presented to the Committee a report of the proceedings. The papers read dealt with the effects of the war on the administration of libraries, the value of the public library during war time, and the means to be adopted for the circulation of books and magazines to the Military and Naval Forces. An interesting exhibition was also held of books, maps, pamphlets, prints, etc., relating to the war.

CONCLUSION.

During the year your Committee has continued in its endeavours to extend the reading facilities of the City through the libraries now established, and it is a gratification to feel that their work is increasingly appreciated by a large number of the citizens. We nevertheless desire that the libraries should be still further recognised as an important means of placing at the disposal of the community the best works on technical and other subjects and thus provide knowledge which may be used to a proper understanding of the problems of industry and scientific research which will more than ever be essential in any attempt to develop and expand British industry.

ARTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The number of visitors to the Art Gallery for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1916, was 144,533, as compared with 174,107 for 1914-15 and 265,391 for the year 1913-14.

By order of the Home Office, no artificial lighting of the galleries is permitted for the present, owing to possible risk from air raids, and the Committee, therefore, has arranged to close the buildings every evening at dusk. Recognising that this earlier closing might deprive many workers of the opportunity of visiting the Art Gallery on weekdays, the Committee decided to open the galleries on Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. till dusk. The attendance on the occasion of the first Sunday opening (October 10th, 1915) was 649, and the total number of Sunday visitors for the five months ended March 31st, 1916, was 3,081.

The following members of the Art Gallery Staff are now serving with the colours :—

J. H. Johnson, statuary attendant, Army Service Corps (T.).

James Turver, Porter Attendant, 7th West Yorkshire Regiment.

EXHIBITIONS.

To avoid expense no exhibitions have been organised by the Committee during the past twelve months, but galleries have been lent to responsible bodies desirous of organising exhibitions of public interest.

From October to December, 1915, the South and East Rooms were lent to the Yorkshire Union of Artists who organised an exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture and craftwork by Yorkshire artists. The exhibition was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr. J. E. Bedford), and the secretary (Mr. Joseph Burton) of the society reports that the success of the exhibition was satisfactory both as regards sales and attendances.

An exhibition of Wall Maps and Atlases suited for use in schools, organised by the Leeds Branch of the Geographical Association, was opened on September 25th, 1915, by Mr. H. J. Mackinder, M.P., and remained on view for a week, during which time it was visited by a large number of school teachers from all parts of the West Riding.

During the same month an exhibition of Photographic Pictures of Rheims Cathedral, Before and After the Bombardment, kindly lent by Messrs. Brown and Phillips of the Leicester Galleries, London, was shown in the North Room and aroused much interest both as a revelation of the beauty of detail in this architectural masterpiece, and as sad evidence of the ravages of war.

By the courtesy of the artist and with the kind co-operation of the South Kensington authorities and the London Committee, a selection of works from the Sculpture Exhibition of the Serbian artist Ivan Mestrovic at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, was sent to Leeds and placed on exhibition in the Central Hall during October, 1915, and the four following months. The loans included examples of Mr. Mestrovic's work in bronze, marble, wood and plaster, and the collection which excited much interest both among connoisseurs and the general public was generally felt to be helpful to a better understanding of the spirit, ideals and tragic fate of our Serbian allies.

ACCESSIONS TO THE GALLERY.

The Committee has to record with deep gratitude a munificent bequest from the late Mr. Alfred Bilbrough of—

Five pastel portraits of Members of the Radford Family by John Russell, R.A. (1744-1806); together with

The Sum of Five Thousand Pounds (£5,000) for the purchase of pictures.

These five pastels respectively portray—

1. Thomas Radford, Jeweller, b. 1730, d. 1801. Father of
2. William Radford, of Leeds and Birmingham, b. 1764, d. 1826.
3. Margaret, daughter of Thos. Charlesworth, b. 1771. Married William Radford, 1795. d. 1811.
4. Sarah, elder daughter of Wm. Radford, b. 1796, d. 1808.
5. Elizabeth, younger daughter of Wm. Radford, b. 1799. Married John Goodman, 1820. d. 1832.

All five portraits are in excellent preservation and pronounced to be fine examples of the work of this great English pastellist.

No purchase has been made up to the present out of Mr. Bilbrough's monetary bequest and the interest on the capital sum is being allowed to accumulate.

LOANS TO THE GALLERY.

In November, 1915, the Curator attended by invitation a Conference held at the National Gallery, London, to consider a scheme for closer working between municipal and national art galleries. As a result of this Conference the Trustees of the National Gallery consented in January, 1916, to lend the following two important paintings in their possession to the Leeds City Art Gallery :—

“ Old Battersea Bridge : Nocturne in Blue and Silver,” oil painting by James McNeill Whistler.

“ Yachting at Cowes,” oil painting by J. W. M. Turner.

The Committee desires to record its warm thanks to the Trustees and Director of the National Gallery for these two valuable and most interesting loans ; also to Mr. William Rothenstein for the loan of his oil painting “ The Princess Badroulbadoor ” ; to Mr. T. W. Edmondson for lending the oil painting, “ Wallenstein,” by the late Ernest Crofts, R.A. ; and to Messrs. Frank H. Fulford, R. H. Kitson and M. E. Sadler for the continuance of the loans enumerated in last year’s report.

The Leeds Art Collections Fund, which issues a separate report, has acquired by gift or purchase during the year the following works, all of which are now placed in the City Art Gallery :—

Antique gilt Console Table with marble top.

“ Searchlights,” oil painting by C. R. W. Nevinson.

Cartoon : Study for a Decoration, by John Currie.

“ Trees in a Flood,” watercolour by John Nash.

“ Poole Park,” watercolour by J. Hamilton Hay.

“ Appleblossom,” watercolour by Jan Van Huysen.

Etching by Karel du Jardin.

Drawing by Charles Keene.

Three etchings by J. D. Bruycker.

The Committee warmly acknowledges the helpful activity of this society and desires to express its grateful thanks to the Chairman (Dr. M. E. Sadler, C.B.), Committee and Members of this Fund for their continued interest in and generosity towards the City Art Gallery.

The sum of £16 2s. 11d. has been received in royalties on sale of picture postcards and reproductions of pictures in the Permanent Collection.

B. ROBERTS,
Chairman of the Libraries
and Arts Committee.

ARTHUR WILLEY.
Chairman of the Sub-Libraries and
Arts (Art Gallery) Committee.

THOMAS W. HAND,
City Librarian.

FRANK RUTTER,
Curator, Art Gallery.

Dated the 27th day of July, 1916.

ANNUAL ISSUES OF VOLUMES FROM EACH LIBRARY SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

YEARS.	1 Reference.	2 Central Lending.	3 Armsley.	4 Beeston.	5 Bramley.	6 Brownhill.	7 Burling.	8 Chapel- town.	9 Dewsbury Road.	10 East Street.	11 Farnley.	12 Headingley.	13 Holbeck.	14 Hunslet.	15 Kirkstall.	16 Lower Wortley.	17 Meanwood.	18 New Farnley.	19 New Wortley.	20 Primrose Hill.	21 Pudsey Town End.	22 Rodley.	23 Sheepscar.	24 South Ward.	25 Stanning- ley.	26 St. Peter's Square.	27 Upper Wortley.	28 Wood- house.	29 York Road.	30 Juvenile Libraries.	31 Travelling Libraries.	32 Juvenile School Libraries.	Annual Total.	Estimated Number of Visitors to News- rooms.
1870-1														32,910					26,963														59,873	107,763
1871-2	26,691	81,422												25,068					24,856														158,037	116,893
1872-3	28,049	247,992												27,300					28,951														332,292	149,039
1873-4	31,593	250,344	820											28,955					30,659														342,371	197,559
1874-5	38,306	235,924	28,898		22,926		2,415							28,934					20,525														377,928	217,463
1875-6	47,076	228,806	26,126		21,227		18,454							23,151					19,438	9,464								1,926				395,668	366,974	
1876-7	51,509	245,224	25,555	590	15,393		20,060						8,111	23,281	545			21,928	18,077				10,406					9,288				449,965	660,090	
1877-8	61,324	248,437	26,425	5,920	13,582		21,815	4,219			1,546		19,235	23,384	7,596	8,993		2,329	23,959	21,120		3,532	27,856		5,388	508					538,400	1,244,740		
1878-9	68,753	264,675	31,561	6,052	20,944		20,697	12,242	19,412		5,148		25,520	23,648	7,071	7,538		6,411	25,869	21,288		2,561	55,046		4,370	4,484					648,530	1,518,745		
1879-80	69,520	268,200	30,562	4,726	21,991		22,074	11,362	17,657	1,263	3,958		25,807	23,789	6,130	5,313		3,732	22,610	17,501		2,075	72,083		4,391	6,763					655,171	1,404,529		
1880-1	76,703	285,596	29,829	5,030	20,862		24,551	10,212	21,451	12,221	4,647		27,213	34,839	8,527	4,48		2,596	28,116	23,128		2,235	70,805		4,110	6,001					716,319	943,228		
1881-2†	71,417	272,147	29,104	3,183	17,944		20,959	9,473	14,335	8,855	3,362		24,546	36,184	7,833	3,84		2,096	26,198	22,707		2,431	64,608		4,842	4,126					662,018	928,658		
1882-3	73,833	266,296	28,898	2,402	17,867		17,779	8,617	14,475	9,678	3,357		22,993	36,148	8,783	2,90		2,260	28,256	19,318		2,086	57,360		4,205	4,431					642,175	843,557		
1883-4‡	78,986	275,885	29,720	2,417	18,801		18,152	9,247	12,566	6,288	3,160		21,654	32,374	8,570	2,99		3,198	29,291	17,122		1,920	54,887		4,206	4,813				1,936	652,594	886,673		
1884-5	88,022	342,088	30,959	1,626	20,479		16,291	9,770	10,870	6,591	3,175	12,531	25,548	28,868	8,347	3,24		4,292	30,326	16,213		1,102	57,503		3,929	4,731					753,610	1,000,736		
1885-6	103,092	398,674	30,388	1,817	19,134		14,585	10,444	9,900	8,157	3,078	14,532	27,146	34,815	8,435	3,97		2,128	32,362	15,511		962	62,978		5,344	3,980					835,556	1,037,164		
1886-7	114,401	399,019	28,031	1,407	20,823		13,377	10,578	9,678	8,118	2,486	14,185	24,592	35,091	8,555	2,90		1,650	32,025	14,538		1,234	58,253		5,792	3,444					823,005	1,147,099		
1887-8	71,642	197,603	17,071	525	13,003		6,476	5,516	5,232	4,717	1,412	7,994	15,243	17,753	4,895	1,48		894	19,931	7,384		994	29,111		3,179	1,380					447,499	610,498		
1888-9	122,466	384,647	32,614	1,835	25,273		12,447	11,023	10,514	10,218	1,175	19,031	27,921	35,971	9,574	2,78		4,454	41,919	12,569		1,860	57,532		6,602	1,778					862,084	1,194,117		
1889-90	110,487	339,370	31,973	2,467	27,007		14,123	9,299	10,112	8,465	3,834	21,186	23,929	34,831	9,903	3,09		5,923	40,808	11,083		1,459	60,315		5,844						803,171	1,249,634		
1890-1	117,424	314,012	27,663	2,608	26,511		12,870	9,058	12,152	9,001	3,963	22,146	22,955	35,090	9,907	2,9		4,591	39,789	10,993		1,278	61,795		6,747						782,329	1,276,899		
1891-2	114,875	372,361	27,465	658	27,793		12,773	8,963	11,539	9,662	3,353	21,584	23,718	49,391	10,379	7		4,108	43,535	9,564		1,387	73,605		7,482						901,600	1,485,244		
1892-3	111,451	376,730	29,056		27,399		12,841	8,452	13,775	9,860	2,817	24,710	24,731	55,768	11,402	8		3,734	45,358	13,166	1,625		76,968		7,842						933,660	1,521,030		
1893-4	134,331	369,616	29,580		26,451		11,933	8,088	18,471	9,532	2,847	27,797	26,156	55,161	10,936	4,6		3,908	47,098	11,534	5,223	2,156	68,676		8,580						979,900	1,627,698		
1894-5	145,114	374,765	30,902		30,703		12,513	8,594	23,070	9,300	2,571	28,437	30,143	50,607	12,559	4,1		3,963	48,696	11,277	4,228	3,167	67,565		9,087						1,038,912	1,736,298		
1895-6	142,884	362,105	27,984		25,138		13,687	9,385	23,165	8,574	2,439	28,327	27,411	46,284	12,059	3,1		3,533	42,260	10,465	4,270	2,139	69,201		7,118						991,012	1,678,029		
1896-7	136,037	379,469	26,020		22,942		17,220	7,901	21,235	7,805	2,946	27,307	25,665	42,486	12,173	3,1		1,965	37,569	10,659	4,347	1,459	64,982		8,226						986,166	1,431,119		
1897-8	127,866	418,466	26,085		21,478		16,785	10,350	19,891	7,039	2,653	28,253	24,311	46,487	12,051	3,1		3,991	41,324	10,533	4,160	1,349	65,058		7,172						1,014,893	1,497,343		
1898-9	120,585	389,481	23,762		23,219		15,877	13,044	17,392	6,619	2,413	29,306	26,474	40,475	13,188	2,1		4,281	40,505	9,378	4,212	1,338	53,421		5,876						943,406	1,560,000		
1899-1900	116,448	332,417	23,501		18,766		14,741	14,088	16,339	5,958	1,847	24,111	23,818	36,188	13,290	2,1		3,551	42,703	7,085	3,616	1,550	47,857		5,281						844,172	1,511,000		
1900-1	126,159	360,365	22,685		21,828		13,392	14,296	16,156	5,618	1,686	39,128	27,193	44,645	13,032	3,1		3,994	47,370	9,208	3,054	1,744	56,926		10,263			15,080				986,851	1,650,000	
1901-2	129,073	366,266	20,857		24,286		14,686	15,203	18,204	5,744	1,504	49,818	33,758	48,606	11,589	3,1		4,826	52,730	11,346	3,003	2,456	65,883		15,365			19,860				988,710	1,662,000	
1902-3	127,075	345,551	136,705		26,876		13,998	15,931	14,306	5,955	1,398	45,719	31,985	49,208	12,746	3,1		3,606	43,244	12,229	2,941	3,033	64,451		13,828			13,639				1,176,295	1,913,756	
1903-4	120,830	325,578	130,022		28,058		13,359	14,511	126,722	5,107	1,632	43,881	40,502	43,083	16,261	3,1		2,841	35,165	13,235	2,863	2,563	63,713		13,390			11,318				1,229,924	2,310,299	
1904-5	129,360	330,559	126,301		30,087		13,120	59,827	169,836	6,062	2,305	49,165	86,465	42,239	21,917	3,1		2,812	33,808	13,780	2,748	2,663	58,701		12,401			10,059				1,423,553	2,517,040	
1905-6	128,972	333,507	139,258		31,336	35,555	12,934	64,353	175,624	4,973	2,653	55,601	85,997	44,483	26,474	2,1	3,408	3,313	27,458	12,725	2,074	3,239	64,974	2,984	9,368			11,965				1,536,930	2,742,644	
1906-7	121,344	284,120	123,236		30,738	43,069	12,300	63,940	165,901	3,020	2,250	53,017	82,180	39,720	23,836	3,1	3,821	2,855	25,410	12,549	1,817	3,051	62,606	3,414	8,261			13,768				1,430,719	2,649,612	
1907-8	125,657	279,859	136,843		32,086	41,759	12,162	62,607	163,408	2,604	2,380	57,196	81,274	38,778	25,300	4,1	3,150	3,785	25,695	12,574	1,785	3,977	59,613	974	8,406			14,379				1,435,623	2,672,826	
1908-9	125,874	288,418	139,094		33,877	39,127	11,307	62,463	161,503	2,390	1,985	60,078	82,372	49,902	26,466	2,1	2,842	3,077	25,958	10,970	1,670	4,120	55,427		9,533			11,471				1,435,875	2,684,689	
1909-10	134,765	283,209	137,673		10,735	41,510	10,669	62,568	170,542	2,497	1,810	62,772	74,158	48,605	30,589	1,1	3,116	2,888	30,472	10,453	1,942	3,896	63,626		8,695			10,881				1,471,796	2,742,000	
1910-11	143,267	278,643	142,485		39,002	43,379	10,170	65,499	176,299	2,465	1,537	63,053	76,460	46,701	27,583	3,1	3,412	2,468	27,262															

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

OPENED IN INFIRMARY STREET, OCTOBER, 1871 ; REMOVED
TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, JUNE, 1884.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE
REFERENCE LIBRARY.

				1914-15.		1915-16.
General Works	..	..	..	10,871	..	11,098
Philosophy and Religion	..	..	..	8,586	..	8,883
Sociology	..	..	..	13,318	..	13,695
Philology	..	..	..	839	..	871
Natural Science	..	..	..	9,763	..	9,873
Useful Arts	..	..	..	7,918	..	8,115
Fine Arts	..	..	..	6,577	..	6,809
Literature	..	..	..	10,904	..	11,211
History	..	..	..	15,013	..	15,342
Voyages and Travels	..	..	..	5,609	..	5,821
Biography	..	..	..	7,099	..	7,297
Directories	..	..	..	218	..	232
Specifications of Patents	..	..	..	8,990	..	9,044
TOTAL				105,705	..	108,291

LAW LIBRARY.

ESTABLISHED IN THE TOWN HALL, 1864 ; TRANSFERRED
TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1892.

Number of Volumes				1914-15.		1915-16.
Law Reports	..	..	..	1,541	..	1,572
Text-Books	..	..	..	260	..	262
Other Publications	..	..	..	234	..	238
TOTAL				2,035	..	2,072

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES CONSULTED, 1915-16.

MONTHS.		General Works.	Cyclopaedias,	Bibliography, and	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	History.	Voyages, Travels.	Biography.	Directories.	Specifications of	Total Number of	Number of Days	Daily Average
		Magazines.																Patents.	Volumes Issued	Open.	for each Month
		of all	Classes.																		
April.	1915	...	1,204	305	433	827	418	612	742	641	214	902	658	254	418	1,003	189	8,820	24	367	
May	"	...	1,084	223	382	948	424	499	596	644	197	706	553	306	344	1,067	122	8,095	24	337	
June	"	...	955	258	369	887	363	705	761	587	227	844	649	304	394	1,209	302	8,814	26	339	
July	"	...	1,073	237	453	643	444	585	780	694	194	569	706	399	370	1,104	572	8,823	27	326	
August	"	...	910	301	412	682	384	457	833	474	195	697	596	322	316	1,130	391	8,100	24	337	
September	"	...	1,033	288	476	693	338	549	762	673	217	709	741	353	376	1,127	64	8,399	26	323	
October	"	...	1,081	345	385	929	301	655	931	586	244	973	635	322	360	1,082	192	9,021	26	346	
November	"	...	1,136	308	399	1,166	359	670	967	744	282	1,103	895	354	397	1,076	50	9,906	26	381	
December	"	...	860	248	330	904	272	629	870	551	223	932	537	343	331	956	210	8,297	25	331	
January, 1916	"	...	1,209	321	422	1,082	300	743	943	720	220	1,034	763	416	442	1,128	156	9,799	26	376	
February	"	...	970	289	405	832	279	684	974	697	226	1,030	721	360	490	967	167	9,091	25	363	
March	"	...	1,059	319	423	930	288	752	863	696	282	968	961	367	425	1,028	102	9,463	27	350	
Totals, 1915-16		...	12,574	3,442	4,909	* 10,523	4,170	7,540	10,022	7,707	2,721	10,467	8,415	4,069	4,675	12,877	2,517	106,628	306	348	
Totals, 1914-15		...	16,582	3,746	5,294	† 12,642	3,785	7,506	10,685	8,212	2,740	10,647	8,533	4,465	4,979	16,058	4,607	120,481	306	393	

*Including 1,498 Law Books consulted in the Law Library.

+	2,828	11	11	11	11
+	2,828	11	11	11	11

A COMPARISON OF THE VOLUMES ISSUED SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT,
IN THE OLD CLASSIFICATION BEFORE THE NEW CLASSIFICATION WAS ADOPTED

YEARS.	A Theology, &c.	B Natural Science, &c.	C Jurisprudence, Law, &c.	D Sociology.	E Education, Language.	F Topography, Antiquities.	G Classical Literature.	H Literature.	I Natural History.	K Arts and Technology.	L General History.	M Biography.	N Poetry and the Drama.	O Geography, Voyages, Travels.	P Directories, Dictionaries, Heraldry.	Specifications of Patents.	Total.	Daily Average of the Books Issued.
1871-80.	11,424	17,595	6,745	3,272	7,571	13,568	6,441	148,952	14,287	51,579	19,190	9,303	14,852	26,870	52,714	18,458	422,821	149
1881-90.	21,222	44,128	13,930	6,992	21,115	30,682	15,070	295,623	30,314	108,553	37,197	17,584	30,887	37,051	152,313	48,388	911,049	321
1891-1900.	29,889	61,824	14,739	11,702	23,043	34,587	10,660	410,247	34,513	152,700	36,746	21,405	34,114	49,272	218,113	123,511	1,267,065	412
1900-1.	2,706	6,063	936	1,474	1,899	2,696	500	44,535	2,507	14,625	3,481	2,588	1,839	3,762	26,703	9,845	126,159	412
1901-2.	3,876	6,593	1,027	2,266	4,005	2,723	570	46,031	2,434	16,269	3,612	2,595	2,019	3,481	24,834	6,738	129,073	423
TOTALS.	69,117	136,203	37,377	25,706	57,633	84,256	33,241	945,388	84,055	343,726	100,226	53,475	83,711	120,436	474,677	206,940	2,856,167	

NEW CLASSIFICATION.

YEAR.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	History.	Voyages, Travels.	Biography.	Directories.	Specifications of Patents.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average of the Books Issued.
1902-3.	36,360	1,654	3,420	6,368	2,559	9,159	12,955	8,966	28	6,947	8,874	4,124	2,984	20,167	5,476	127,075	304	417
1903-4.	29,036	1,311	3,855	6,205	3,287	5,593	14,034	8,272	1,024	8,105	7,877	4,170	3,072	20,417	4,572	120,830	306	394
1904-5.	28,038	1,541	4,577	12,407	3,341	6,423	14,388	8,106	1,482	8,638	7,500	4,473	3,422	20,777	4,816	120,360	305	424
1905-6.	25,855	1,338	4,569	12,335	3,563	6,969	13,755	7,568	1,282	8,482	7,941	4,537	3,422	23,439	3,917	128,972	310	412
1906-7.	23,725	1,279	4,463	11,443	3,848	6,256	10,633	6,372	1,809	10,434	7,658	4,061	3,589	21,925	3,849	121,344	303	400
1907-8.	24,216	1,412	4,809	11,255	4,183	6,624	10,830	6,858	1,524	10,473	8,773	4,291	3,375	22,091	3,520	125,657	307	409
1908-9.	27,867	1,571	3,363	13,297	2,204	7,776	11,159	7,277	1,663	8,724	7,729	4,015	2,542	22,783	5,066	125,874	304	414
1909-10.	25,420	1,718	3,511	17,853	2,216	8,066	12,345	7,277	2,083	12,440	8,968	5,039	3,689	22,307	4,662	134,765	303	444
1910-11.	26,221	2,371	3,884	20,523	2,373	8,066	12,841	7,277	1,965	10,884	9,465	4,014	3,527	19,664	4,800	143,267	306	468
1911-12.	20,120	2,844	3,994	16,789	1,745	7,894	12,657	6,523	2,210	11,754	9,672	4,229	4,636	19,963	4,037	124,774	304	412
1912-13.	17,558	2,974	5,226	12,884	2,743	7,894	12,657	7,123	2,210	11,754	9,619	4,603	4,683	19,760	3,150	125,748	303	415
1913-14.	16,689	3,402	5,568	13,118	3,670	7,437	13,119	7,674	2,354	12,638	9,619	4,603	4,683	19,760	3,150	127,464	307	415
1914-15.	16,582	3,746	5,294	12,642	3,785	7,596	10,685	8,212	2,740	10,647	8,533	4,405	4,979	16,038	4,907	120,481	306	393
1915-16.	12,574	3,442	4,909	10,523	4,170	7,540	10,022	7,707	2,721	10,467	8,415	4,069	4,675	12,877	2,517	106,628	306	348

CENTRAL, BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES AND JUVENILE ROOMS.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES IN STOCK.—NEW CLASSIFICATION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Sociology.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	Fiction.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.
Central	2,184	4,357	2,743	5,847	1,816	1,401	3,087	15,609	1,318	7,654	3,403	4,951	54,370
Armsley	115	979	799	1,373	505	139	762	5,862	258	1,605	669	1,485	14,551
Do. Juvenile Room	121	25	27	132	9	..	23	..	7	75	42	854	1,315
Dewsbury Road ..	162	1,005	816	1,667	476	134	882	6,485	224	1,875	987	1,883	16,596
Do. Juvenile Room	113	14	6	130	..	..	124	..	5	67	88	826	1,373
Kirkstall .. ..	..	188	129	317	81	18	297	3005	95	435	310	908	5,783
Rodley .. ..	..	61	28	119	11	3	95	1137	19	158	130	429	2,190
Woodhouse Moor ..	345	774	715	1,387	628	74	979	7,259	359	1,925	858	1,482	16,785
Do. Juvenile Room	98	13	5	69	1	..	32	..	1	60	38	539	856
York Road	335	618	494	1,049	394	..	577	5,485	158	1,259	587	1,307	12,263
Do. Juvenile Room	73	12	9	83	1	..	19	..	4	46	44	794	1,085
TOTALS 1915-16 ..	3,546	8,046	5,771	12,173	3,922	1,769	6,877	44,842	2,448	15,159	7,156	15,458	127,167
TOTALS 1914-15 ..	3,374	7,880	5,519	11,797	3,809	1,755	6,742	43,959	2,271	14,680	6,952	15,764	124,502

BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES IN STOCK.

OLD CLASSIFICATION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Theology and Philosophy.	History and Biography.	Voyages and Travels.	Science, Art, and Technology.	Fiction.	General Literature and Magazines.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTALS.
Bramley	290	704	365	846	4,331	425	1,140	8,101
Brownhill	106	276	105	314	2,371	120	596	3,888
Burley	50	252	138	236	2,244	124	512	3,556
Chapel-Allerton ..	524	1,048	533	1,273	5,727	610	1,416	11,131
Farnley	46	175	128	124	978	45	651	2,147
Headingley	218	710	405	626	4,670	319	1,051	7,999
Holbeck	383	1,116	521	1,468	4,428	377	1,781	10,074
Do. Juvenile ..	14	31	18	47	..	69	584	763
Hunslet .. (1)	411	1,249	551	1,501	4,543	810	1,321	10,386
Lower Wortley ..	62	251	192	175	1,081	143	521	2,425
Meanwood	10	71	21	46	447	30	34	659
New Farnley	61	165	127	170	1,266	102	735	2,626
New Wortley	328	971	443	1,152	4,500	464	1,080	8,938
Primrose Hill ..	51	292	153	365	1,810	165	725	3,561
Pudsey Town End	58	75	56	113	670	43	269	1,284
Sheepscar	233	1,973	1,233	2,356	5,817	858	611	13,081
Stanningley	79	227	138	269	1,698	139	736	3,286
Upper Wortley ..	83	220	142	179	1,508	65	170	2,367
Juvenile Circulating Libraries ..	4	56	..	89	..	..	2,517	2,666
TOTALS 1915-16	3,011	9,862	5,269	11,349	48,089	4,908	16,450	98,938
TOTALS 1914-15	2,948	9,806	5,237	11,237	46,355	4,917	16,503	97,003

(1) The Hunslet Branch Library closed on September 30th, 1915, and the books stored at the York Road Branch.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ADDED, WITHDRAWN, BOUND, AND LOST.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Number of Volumes Purchased.	Donations.	Worn-out Books Replaced.	Books Withdrawn as Worn-out or useless.	Number of Volumes Bound.	Books Lost or Damaged by Borrowers and Paid for.	Books Lost and not yet Recovered.
Reference ..	2,233	371	..	18	693	..	..
Central Lending ..	1,421	27	583	1,564	1,309	22	16
Armley	1,081	12	253	953	511	6	2
Bramley	257	10	81	242	355	2	..
Brownhill	178	10	49	62	198	..	..
Burley	154	1	11	4	11	..	..
Chapel-Allerton ..	379	11	120	89	236	6	..
Dewsbury Road ..	893	34	126	468	388	8	..
Farnley	20	1	..	7	19	..	..
Headingley	369	11	105	97	161	2	1
Holbeck	252	11	56	8	91	4	..
Hunslet	120	1	48	81	122	..	..
Kirkstall	284	10	19	46	97	1	..
Lower Wortley ..	40	1	..	5	29	..	..
Meanwood	5	1	..	..	..	1	..
New Farnley	60	1	..	1	..	..	..
New Wortley	165	10	30	109	129	4	..
Primrose Hill ..	105	1	3	155	22	..	..
Pudsey Town End	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rodley	71	1	..	12	..	..	..
Sheepscar	341	11	111	556	618	11	..
Stanningley	110	10	2	13	23	..	..
Upper Wortley ..	115	6	14	26	44	1	..
Woodhouse Moor	928	13	214	515	369	5	..
York Road	472	12	74	280	310	3	..
Juvenile Circulating Libraries ..	..	..	..	12	8	..	..
TOTALS 1915-16	10,058	577	1,899	5,323	5,743	76	19
TOTALS 1914-15	13,360	535	1,479	6,701	7,301	90	7

* NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Sociology.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	Fiction.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average.
Central (Day) ...	2,952	5,782	3,622	13,116	4,792	2,591	6,880	110,499	1,975	8,340	4,925	22,230	187,704	306	613
Armsley (Day) ...	1,191	1,309	1,947	4,287	1,168	88	1,100	59,715	583	3,120	1,661	25,021	101,190	306	330
Bramley (Day) ...	190	202	418	1,049	266	...	321	23,343	188	1,156	937	11,666	39,756	306	130
Brownhill (6) ...	260	120	105	248	23	...	185	18,369	69	411	193	13,289	33,472	305	109
Burley (3)...	...	...	...	18	...	...	96	2,373	...	23	22	1,454	3,986	105	37
Chapel-Allerton (Day)	1,649	404	246	1,050	280	...	612	37,824	252	917	890	10,800	54,933	306	179
Dewsbury Road (Day)	3,321	1,264	2,018	5,878	2,280	642	1,706	66,825	628	4,021	2,790	23,531	114,904	306	375
Farnley (1) ...	...	...	...	9	...	...	18	387	...	3	5	151	573	52	11
Headingley (Day) ...	1,696	245	134	610	192	...	406	41,338	141	675	888	11,711	58,036	306	189
Hollbeck (Day) ...	1,809	109	450	970	158	6	144	19,609	111	706	619	13,493	38,184	306	124
Hunslet (Day) ...	265	62	73	331	101	2	103	8,978	30	331	280	4,521	15,077	147	102
Kirkstall (Day) ...	612	155	94	545	113	16	182	14,806	123	332	290	5,758	23,026	306	75
Lower Wortley (2)	...	6	...	42	...	...	36	1,444	...	43	1	994	2,566	100	25
Meanwood (2) ...	97	1	...	1	19	...	5	1,968	3	31	10	151	2,286	100	22
New Farnley (1)...	...	13	...	9	...	...	7	1,077	...	16	5	450	1,577	47	33
New Wortley (Day)	329	161	63	555	116	33	132	10,713	50	418	208	7,388	20,166	306	65
Primrose Hill (3)...	...	1	...	40	...	...	2	2,567	...	104	57	3,388	6,159	103	59
Pudsey Town End (2)	...	20	...	73	...	...	17	1,340	...	54	33	355	1,892	100	18
Rodley (6) ...	240	15	36	39	4	1	44	1,823	7	56	39	860	3,164	303	10
Sheepscar (Day) ...	655	612	449	2,024	692	79	682	50,164	730	1,547	1,382	15,042	74,058	306	242
Stanningley (Day)	...	128	134	346	...	...	110	5,954	...	...	...	3,497	10,169	302	33
Upper Wortley (Day)	...	159	113	338	...	...	129	5,540	...	...	...	1,998	8,277	306	27
Woodhouse Moor (Day)...	3,639	1,125	1,532	4,110	1,412	492	2,364	94,912	1,123	3,590	2,508	28,116	145,223	306	474
York Road (Day)	885	348	671	2,078	467	...	466	28,865	142	1,660	758	18,423	54,763	306	179
Juvenile School Libraries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,784	6,784	...	...
Totals 1915-16	19,790	12,241	12,105	37,766	12,083	3,950	15,747	610,633	6,155	27,554	18,521	231,380	1,007,925	...	...
Totals 1914-15	17,107	12,959	13,671	39,656	12,367	5,200	18,506	641,596	6,258	31,322	20,286	248,732	1,067,660	...	...

* The figures in parentheses, following the names of the Libraries, denote the number of evenings which they are open each week.

† The Hunslet Branch Library closed September 30th, 1915.

JUVENILE READING ROOMS.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1915-16.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average.
Armley Juvenile Room	4,835	97	429	43	3	415	83	21,270	27,175	305	89
Dewsbury Road Juvenile Room ..	9,102	486	2,689	5,430	169	1,779	1,599	18,005	39,259	305	128
Holbeck Juvenile Room	4,120	257	702	194	5	425	546	13,902	20,151	303	66
Woodhouse Moor Juvenile Room ..	378	63	342	178	6	450	154	10,132	11,703	305	38
York Road Juvenile Room	6,677	178	916	533	16	1,567	669	27,530	38,086	305	124
TOTALS 1915-16	25,112	1,081	5,078	6,378	199	4,636	3,051	90,839	136,374	..	..
TOTALS 1914-15	29,540	1,536	4,502	7,287	112	4,367	3,859	87,067	138,270	..	..

CENTRAL AND BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS MADE FOR THE RETURN OF BOOKS.

Name of Library.	Applica- tions to Borrowers for Overdue Books.	Applica- tions to Guarantors for Overdue Books.	Applica- tions to Borrowers as to Books Lost or Damaged.	Applica- tions to Guarantors as to Books Lost or Damaged.	Personal Applica- tions.	Total Applica- tions.
Central	2,247	18	36	4	91	2,396
Armley	502	1	1	..	30	534
Bramley	132	..	..	..	2	134
Brownhill	62	..	..	..	4	66
Burley .. ..	..	..	..	..	17	17
Chapel-Allerton ..	180	..	2	..	7	189
Dewsbury Road ..	487	39	17	7	20	570
Farnley .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Headingley	88	7	6	..	6	107
Holbeck	202	..	5	1	33	241
Hunslet	113	..	4	..	11	128
Kirkstall	148	..	2	..	4	154
Lower Wortley ..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Meanwood	1	..	..	..	..	1
New Farnley .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Wortley	140	..	2	..	11	153
Primrose Hill ..	12	2	..	..	..	14
Pudsey Town End ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rodley	9	..	..	..	..	9
Sheepscar	534	..	45	..	17	596
Stanningley	39	2	..	..	..	41
Upper Wortley ..	51	9	..	..	15	75
Woodhouse Moor ..	955	24	6	2	25	1,012
York Road	462	5	15	5	18	505
TOTALS 1915-16	6,368	107	141	19	311	6,946
TOTALS 1914-15	6,558	186	174	29	305	7,252

CENTRAL AND BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS' TICKETS ISSUED DURING 1915-16.

Name of Library.	Number of Tickets Issued and in Force, 1915-1916.	Number of Tickets Issued and in Force, 1914-1915.
Central	7,142	8,579
Armley	3,038	3,144
Bramley	1,074	1,090
Brownhill	1,086	1,204
Burley	99	171
Chapel-Allerton	1,558	1,611
Dewsbury Road	3,442	3,327
Farnley	23	20
Headingley	1,652	1,586
Holbeck	1,115	1,049
Hunslet	304	1,046
Kirkstall	676	692
Lower Wortley	63	118
Meanwood	60	73
New Farnley	45	57
New Wortley	694	577
Primrose Hill	198	196
Pudsey Town End	43	54
Rodley	91	115
Sheepscar	2,178	1,935
Stanningley	286	253
Upper Wortley	258	289
Woodhouse Moor	4,432	4,627
York Road	1,711	1,699
TOTALS	31,268	33,512

MALES.

	Central	Armsley.	Bramley.	Brownhill.	Burley.	Chapel- Allerton.	Dewsbury Road.	Farnley.	Headingley.	Hollbeck.	Hunslet.	Kirkstall.	Lower Worley.	Meanwood.	New Farnley.	New Worley.	Primrose Hill.	Town End	Rodley.	Sheepscar.	Stanningley.	Upper Worley.	Woodhouse Moor.	York Road	TOTALS.
Accountants and Auditors	85	5	4	1	1	4	3	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125
Agents and Collectors	112	17	6	8	...	17	20	...	17	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	278
Architects and Surveyors	30	1	...	...	1	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Artists and Draughtsmen	92	14	10	5	1	16	26	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	217
Artizans	55	54	28	11	...	14	88	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	407
Bakers and Confectioners	15	...	1	4	...	4	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Barristers and Solicitors	16	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Building Trades	14	9	7	5	...	9	9	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
Cabinetmakers, &c.	70	15	7	14	1	12	40	...	2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	291
Clergymen and Ministers	69	10	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125
Clerks	566	223	38	49	1	35	172	...	50	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,482
Commercial Travellers	65	16	5	10	...	27	20	...	24	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	274
Dyers	12	3	4	1	...	1	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Electricians	44	27	3	21	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	161
Engineers, Fitters, &c.	134	145	24	18	8	37	180	...	10	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	894
Gentlemen	34	13	1	10	...	38	22	...	15	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	230
Labourers	17	22	10	4	1	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166
Leather Trades	26	14	20	8	3	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182
Managers and Senior Clerks	111	16	10	12	...	53	43	...	15	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
Medical, Dentists, &c.	67	3	4	2	...	9	20	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
Merchants and Manufacturers	62	14	2	4	2	17	6	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	186
Metal Workers	60	28	6	16	3	5	35	...	4	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	260
Painters and Paperhangers	28	5	5	9	5	8	9	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Photographers	8	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Police Officers	23	8	2	11	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85
Printers, Bookbinders, &c.	101	24	9	12	1	15	35	...	18	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	339
Railway Servants	34	41	7	20	1	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
Schools	379	413	125	193	5	151	589	3	193	234	32	76	10	1	5	158	129	2	16	2	398	53	53	401	4,212
Schoolmasters and Teachers	117	41	9	10	...	18	36	...	25	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	339
Shop Assistants	67	28	11	29	4	25	43	...	18	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Shopkeepers	131	35	10	30	5	15	43	...	18	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	351
Students	84	10	6	6	...	20	62	...	17	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	270
Tailoring Trades	249	43	5	22	3	10	43	...	8	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	638
Warehousemen, Salesmen, &c.	90	23	10	9	...	13	22	...	8	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	293
Woollen Operatives	25	17	15	6	1	1	6	...	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148
Miscellaneous	62	60	21	40	2	16	55	...	83	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	590
Not Described	247	23	55	10	4	...	47	1	30	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	589
TOTALS, 1915-16	3,391	1,435	484	613	51	612	1,759	6	694	599	154	266	37	27	24	401	165	26	45	1,048	159	133	1,854	908	14,891
TOTALS, 1914-15	4,473	1,636	521	727	103	652	1,761	12	631	590	666	301	56	40	31	341	145	33	54	1,027	144	152	2,000	969	17,065

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BORROWERS' TRADES—Continued.

FEMALES.		Central		Armsley.	Bramley.	Brownhill.	Barley.	Chapel.	Allerton.	Dewsbury Road.	Farnley.	Healdingley.	Hollbeck.	Hunslet.	Kirkstall.	Lower Worley.	Meanwood.	New Farnley.	New Worley.	Primrose Hill.	Pudsey Town End.	Rodey.	Sheepscar.	Stanningley.	Upper Worley.	Woodhouse Moor.	York Road.	TOTALS.
Artisans	...	59	57	17	5	5	...	...	...	13	...	9	3	...	25	...	1	...	6	...	...	10	10	12	10	7	15	289
Bakers and Confectioners	...	9	9	8	4	4	...	...	...	11	...	6	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	1	1	9	2	84
Clerks, &c.	...	253	93	24	19	2	32	...	...	121	...	69	10	...	16	...	...	2	9	4	1	3	59	3	4	178	21	927
Domestics, &c.	...	94	24	28	11	2	43	...	...	61	...	45	35	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	3	...	6	79	20	548
Dressmakers, &c.	...	87	41	16	4	...	...	20	...	58	1	28	14	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	27	3	...	79	20	430
Housewives	...	686	512	97	137	10	340	...	...	469	6	168	141	37	141	6	17	5	78	4	7	3	316	19	35	694	155	4,087
Professional & Gentlemen	...	94	25	9	6	...	169	...	...	21	...	19	9	...	1	9	...	...	3	...	1	3	26	1	2	128	7	473
Scholars	...	319	388	118	177	...	177	...	...	360	3	171	140	39	88	4	3	4	61	11	1	11	281	38	29	501	248	3,172
Schoolmistresses & Teachers	...	183	59	17	16	12	35	...	...	52	...	35	10	...	13	...	3	...	5	1	1	1	26	4	5	132	34	646
Shop Assistants	...	124	55	6	11	1	26	...	...	43	1	27	11	...	11	...	3	...	9	3	...	30	2	...	...	95	14	366
Students	...	101	17	6	12	...	33	...	...	51	...	17	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	14	366
Tailoring Trades	...	359	86	7	48	9	9	...	...	153	...	12	84	32	11	3	1	1	51	8	2	1	119	3	7	91	102	1,199
Miscellaneous	...	34	38	79	11	2	...	...	...	13	1	...	35	9	6	7	...	...	46	1	...	...	28	9	1	16	33	369
Not Described	...	444	45	135	9	10	56	...	...	100	4	280	2	...	23	1	5	1	11	...	4	...	107	28	23	215	87	1,590
TOTALS, 1915-16	...	2,846	1,479	567	470	48	880	1,526	17	886	504	147	368	26	33	21	287	33	17	44	1,069	126	123	2,343	772	14,632		
TOTALS, 1914-15	...	3,018	1,391	538	470	68	918	1,421	8	879	438	376	358	62	33	26	224	51	21	61	874	108	132	2,380	694	14,549		

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BORROWERS' AGES.

Burgesses	1,932	672	239	276	43	390	754	4	431	239	75	148	17	22	17	160	27	26	23	447	58	61	1,055	314	7,430
Under 15 years of age	822	848	333	419	25	346	1197	6	360	436	86	179	22	5	14	272	144	5	29	744	113	93	1,088	766	8,352
From 15 to 20 years	1,156	436	132	66	15	189	493	2	138	143	59	84	10	7	4	86	15	4	14	293	31	22	604	173	4,175
From 21 to 25 years	623	219	54	28	7	66	220	...	90	69	18	37	4	1	3	34	1	3	10	127	13	13	296	91	2,027
From 26 to 30 years	308	159	44	36	1	108	176	...	50	59	11	33	2	3	...	24	4	1	8	77	8	7	196	81	1,396
From 31 to 40 years	334	224	37	56	3	144	252	7	72	67	23	40	3	1	1	42	4	1	3	99	16	7	264	94	1,794
From 41 to 50 years	149	148	26	32	...	129	92	1	20	32	11	10	2	2	...	12	1	2	2	55	4	6	162	23	921
Above 50 years	128	118	10	21	1	51	62	...	19	22	6	10	1	10	34	4	5	115	27	645
Age not stated	785	90	176	149	4	69	39	3	400	36	12	93	3	19	5	48	2	241	38	42	417	111	2,782
TOTALS, 1915-16	6,237	2,914	1,051	1,083	99	1,492	3,285	23	1,580	1,103	301	634	63	60	45	688	198	43	89	2,117	285	256	4,197	1680	29,523
TOTALS, 1914-15	7,491	3,027	1,059	1,197	171	1,570	3,182	20	1,510	1,028	1,042	659	118	73	57	565	196	54	115	1,901	252	284	4,380	1663	31,614
RECAPITULATION.																									
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NAME, LOCALITY, DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT, &C., OF EACH
LIBRARY AND NEWSROOM.

DAY LIBRARIES.

Name.	Locality.	Date of Establishment.	Hours When Open.	
			Lending Library.	Newsroom.
Central ...	Infirmery Street ...	April, 1872 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Do. ...	Municipal Buildings...	June, 1884 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
New Wortley ...	Whitehall Road ...	October, 1870 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Armley ...	Carr Crofts, Armley...	September, 1874 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Stocks Hill, Armley...	April, 1902 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Bramley ...	Town Street ...	December, 1874 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Hough Lane ...	May, 1882 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Woodhouse ...	Woodhouse Street ...	June, 1876 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Woodhouse Moor ...	March, 1902 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Kirkstall ...	No. 16, British Work- man, Kirkstall	January, 1877 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Abley Road, Kirkstall	July, 1894 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Sheepscar ...	Chapeltown Road ...	June, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Stanningley ...	Council School ...	October, 1877 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Baptist School ...	October, 1900 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Holbeck ...	Sweet Street West ...	October, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Do. ...	Nineveh Road ...	November, 1903 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Chapel-Allerton	Council School, Harrogate Road	April, 1878 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Harrogate Road ...	January, 1904 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
York Road ...	Council School, York Road	August, 1878 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	York Road ...	October, 1904 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Dewsbury Road	Council School, Bewerley Street	October, 1878 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Dewsbury Road ...	July, 1903 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Headingley ...	Council School, Bennett Road	November, 1884 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	North Lane ...	September, 1892 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Upper Wortley...	Upper Wortley Road	January, 1900 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

EVENING LIBRARIES.

Name.	Locality.	Date of Establishment.	Hours When Open.
Burley ...	Council School, Burley Road	June, 1875 ...	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Primrose Hill ...	Council School, Primrose Hill	March, 1876 ...	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Lower Wortley	Council School, Lower Wortley	August, 1877 ...	Tuesday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Rodley ...	Council School, Rodley	October, 1877 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Do. ...	Baptist School, Rodley	March, 1912 ...	Every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
New Farnley	Ironworks' Reading Room, New Farnley	May, 1878 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Do. ...	Council School, New Farnley	May, 1897 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Farnley	Council School, Old Farnley	May, 1878 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Padsey Town End ...	Balloon Row, Intake Road, Pudsey	December, 1892	Tuesday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Meanwood	Wesleyan School, Meanwood	April, 1905 ...	Monday and Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Brownhill	Council School, Harchills Lane	July, 1905 ...	Every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

STATISTICS.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

	1915-16.	1914-15
Number of Volumes in Stock	108,291	105,705
" " Purchased	2,233	2,748
" " Presented	371	495
" " Withdrawn as worn-out, duplicate or useless	18	130
" " Issued	106,628	120,481
" " Bound	693	902
Daily average of Volumes issued	348	393

LENDING LIBRARIES.

Number of Volumes in Central Lending Library	54,370	53,903
Daily average of Volumes issued in Central Lending Library	613	722
Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	166,343	163,158
" " in Juvenile Reading Rooms	5,392	4,444
" " Purchased	9,724	12,091
" " Presented	206	40
" " Withdrawn as worn-out or useless	5,305	6,571
" " Issued in Central Lending Library	187,704	221,182
" " Issued in Branch Lending Libraries	820,221	846,478
" " Issued in Juvenile Reading Rooms	136,374	138,270
Number of Borrowers' Tickets Issued	31,268	33,512
Number of Volumes Bound	5,050	6,399
Applications to Borrowers for the Return of Books	6,946	7,252
Volumes Lost or Damaged and Paid for	76	90
" Lost by Borrowers and not yet recovered	19	7

GENERAL.

Total Number of Volumes in all the Libraries	334,396	327,210
Total Number of Volumes Issued	1,250,927	1,326,411
Estimated Number of Visitors to Central Newsroom	380,000	475,000
" " to Branch Reading Rooms	1,320,000	1,393,889
Population	459,260	
Area of the City	26,275	acres.
Rateable Value of the City	£2,235,289	
Amount Produced by Rate	£14,574	

DATA.

Public Libraries' Act Adopted	March, 1868
First Chairman of the Libraries' Committee	Alderman W. Glover Joy
First Librarian Appointed	July, 1870
First Branch Libraries Opened at Hunslet and New Wortley	October, 1870
Central Reference Library Opened in Infirmary Street	October, 1871
Central Lending Library Opened	April, 1872
Central Library Removed to Municipal Buildings	June, 1884
School Libraries Established in Board Schools	September, 1884
Second Librarian Appointed	January, 1898
System of Juvenile Circulating Libraries Established	February, 1900
Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Leeds	September, 1903
Extra (non-fiction) Tickets issued	November, 1904
System of Travelling Libraries Established	October, 1906
Old Leeds Exhibition of Books, Prints, etc., held from	July to September, 1908
Open Access System Inaugurated at Rodley Branch	March, 1912
" " " Kirkstall "	June, 1912
" " " Armley "	October, 1912
Story Half-hour Talks to Children Inaugurated	December, 1912
Open Access System Inaugurated at Woodhouse Moor Branch	April, 1913
" " " Dewsbury Road Branch	October, 1914
" " " Sheepscar Branch	January, 1915
School Libraries Closed	1905
Total Issue of Books since the Opening	41,865,679

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1916-1917.

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LIBRARIES.

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Deputy Librarian - - - ROBERT MCLEANNAN.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Librarian - - - JOHN W. WALKER.

Assistant Librarian - - - NORMAN TRELIVING.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Librarian - - - GEORGE W. STROTHER.

ART GALLERY.

Curator - - - FRANK RUTTER, B.A.

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City of Leeds.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIES & ARTS COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL

For the year ended 31st March, 1917.

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their report upon the conditions of the Libraries and the Art Gallery, on 31st March, 1917, and of their activities during the year ending with that date.

LIBRARIES.

The circulation of books from all Departments for the year was 1,186,819 as compared with 1,250,927 the previous year, being a decrease of 64,108. This is due mainly to the absence of men of military age who were regular readers and who are serving their country, and that many readers had less time for reading in consequence of being still fully occupied either directly or indirectly with war work.

The percentage of Fiction issued was 49.34 per cent. being a little higher than last year, when it was 48.81. This is doubtless through readers turning to Fiction as a means of taking them away for a time from the worry and strain of the present conditions of life.

Apart from the ordinary work of the Libraries, they have been extensively used for the distribution of Government War Circulars, receiving books, periodicals and magazines, and despatching them to the troops in camp and on active service, and in many other directions useful public service has been rendered.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS' TICKETS.

For the last year the number of borrowers enrolled at the Central and Branch Libraries was 31,142 or 126 less when compared with last year.

OVERDUE BOOKS AND RECEIPTS FOR FINES, ETC.

The income for fines, catalogues, sale of waste paper, and for lost books etc., was £645 15s. 9d., as compared with £608 9s. 11d. last year.

NEWSROOM.

In consequence of the continued restricted lighting of the streets during the winter months, making it difficult for the public to be out after dark, there was a falling off in the attendance. It is estimated, however, that the Central and Branch Newsrooms have been used by 1,718,000 visitors.

STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES.

The total number of volumes in the Libraries at the end of March was 339,786, being a net increase of 5,390 volumes, after deducting books worn out, and not replaced. Of these, 112,003 are in the Reference, 55,136 in the Central Lending, and 167,988 in the Branches.

In the up-keep of the Libraries your Committee have experienced difficulty in the supply of books in sufficient numbers to meet the heavy demands made by the public, consequent on the increased cost of books, magazines, bookbinding, and the continued decreased amount allowed each year for book buying. By dint, however, of economies your Committee have acquired as large a selection of the latest technical books on the industries of the city, and also of the works on the many aspects of the war, as they realise it is the duty of the Libraries to make available the best literature that will enable the readers to secure a sound knowledge of the present conditions of European history, and form intelligent opinions upon the present catastrophe through which the world is passing.

During the year 6,565 books were re-bound. Of this number 594 volumes belonged to the Reference Library, 1,531 to the Central Lending Library, and 4,440 to branches. Minor repairs to several thousands of volumes were made by the staff.

Books, disused magazines and periodicals, have been sent to the City Hospitals, Beckett's Park and East Leeds Military Hospitals, Thorparch and Shadwell Industrial Schools, and they have been much appreciated by the inmates.

DONATIONS.

Several gifts of interesting books, and other publications have been received, and the appreciative thanks of the Committee sent to the donors. Among the donations are the following :—

From the Trustees of the British Museum :— (Natural History) Lydekker (R.) Catalogue of the Ungulate Mammals in the British Museum Vol. 5. 1916. Catalogue of the Mesozoic Plants. The Cretaceous Flora

Part 2. 1915. Boulenger (G.) Catalogue of the Freshwater Fishes of Africa. Vol. 4. 1916. Catalogue of the Books, Manuscripts, etc., in the Natural History Museum. Vol. 5. SO-Z. 1915. Cummings, (B. F.). The Louse and its Relation to disease. Guide to the Specimens and enlarged models of Insects and Ticks exhibited in the Central Hall, illustrating their importance in the spread of disease. 1916. From the Rev. Edmund Cookson, M.A., Registers of the Antient Parish of Giggleswick-in-Craven, Yorkshire. With MS. Index. Index to Hollin-cum-Holderness Registers, Parts 1-2. MS. From W. T. Lancaster, Esq., F.S.A. Chartulary of the Cistercian Abbey of Fountains. 2 Vols. 1915. From F. Martineau Lupton, Esq. Descendants of Charles Hobbs. 1596-1700. Printed for Private Circulation. Leeds. 1914. From Miss Morrison. 15 Vols. of Newspaper cuttings relating to Leeds City Council and other matters. From Hanson Ormerod, Esq. Pedigree of Hanson of Wodehouse and Hoyle of Swift Place, Co. York. 1916. From Mr. H. Peckett. Esq. Early History of Cloth Making. 1909. From the Late R. H. Skaife, Esq. Domesday Book of Yorkshire, with his notes and additions. 1896. From F. R. Spark, Esq., J.P. 22 Vols. of Newspaper cuttings relating to the Leeds Musical Festival, Pious Uses Trust, Grammar School, etc., and 16 Vols. and pamphlets of a local character. From J. E. Town, Esq. 94 Vols. and pamphlets, many of a local character. Publications from the Stationery Office, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, and the English, American and Canadian Patent Offices, The Governments of Australia, Canada, Belgium, British Columbia, New South Wales, New Zealand, United States and the City of Melbourne.

ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Among the more important additions, a few of the chief works are as follows :—

Adams (Percy Walter Lewis). A History of the Adams Family of North Staffordshire and of their connection with the Development of the Potteries. With numerous pedigree charts and notes on Allied Families. 1914. 'Allies in Art. A Collection of Works in Modern Art by Artists of the Allied Nations. 1917. Walpole Society Publications. Vols. 1-3. 1911-1914. Bartlett (Henrietta C.) and Pollard (Alfred William). A Census of Shakespeare's Plays in Quarto. 1594-1709. 1916. Briggs (Martin Shaw). Baroque Architecture. With 109 Illustrations. 1913. Caine (Cæsar). Cleator and Cleator Moor: past and present. 1916. Catalogue of the Bradshaw Collection of Irish Books in the University Library, Cambridge. 3 Vols. 1916. The Collegiate Church of Ottery St. Mary, being the Ordinacio et Statuta Ecclesie Sancte Marie de Orery Exon. Diocesis A.D. 1338, 1339. Edited, with intro. and notes by John Neale Dalton. 1917. Davies (A. C. Fox). The Book of Public Arms.

A complete encyclopaedia of all royal, territorial, municipal, corporate, official, and impersonal arms. New Edition. 1915. Gollancz (Israel). *Ed.* A Book of Homage to Shakespeare, to commemorate the Three Hundredth Anniversary of Shakespeare's death. 1916. Humphreys (Arthur L.). A Handbook to County Bibliography : being a Bibliography of Bibliographies relating to the Counties and Towns of Great Britain and Ireland. 1917. Johnson (A. H.) History of the Worshipful Company of Drapers of London. 1914. Johnson (Charles) and Jenkinson (Hilary). English Court Hand. A.D. 1066 to 1500, illustrated chiefly from the Public Records. 2 Vols. Text and Plates. 1916. Legros (Lucien Alphonse) and Grant (John Cameron). Typographical Printing-Surfaces : the technology and Mechanism of their production. 1916. Osmaston (F. P. B.) The Art and Genius of Tintoret. 2 Vols. 1915. Moreau-Nelaton (Etienne). La Cathedrale de Reims. 1915. The Royal Scottish Academy. 1826-1916, a complete list of the exhibited works by Raeburn and by Academicians, Associates, and Hon. Members, giving details of those works in Public Galleries, compiled under the direction of Frank Rinder with the sanction of the President and Council. With a historical narrative of the origin and development of the Royal Scottish Academy, by W. D. McKay. Preceded by an Essay on Academies and Art by Frank Rinder. 1917. Sayle (C. E.) Fitzwilliam Museum ; McClean Bequest. Catalogue of the early Printed Books Bequeathed to the Museum by Frank McClean. 1916. Shakespeare's England : An account of the Life and Manners of his Age. 2 Vols. 1916. Tancred (George). Historical Record of Medals and Honorary Distinctions conferred on the British Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces from the Earliest Period. To which is added the catalogue of the collection of Colonel Murray of Polinaise. 1891. Wright (Andrew). Court-Hand restored, or, the Students' Assistant in reading Old Deeds, Charters, Records, etc.—Neatly engraved on Twenty-three copper plates, describing the Old Law Hands, with their contractions and Abbreviations. With an Appendix containing the Ancient Names of places in Great Britain and Ireland : an Alphabetical Table of Ancient Surnames, etc. Tenth Edition, corrected and enlarged by Charles Trice Martin. 1912. Young (Sir George Frederick). East and West through fifteen Centuries. Being a general history from B.C. 44 to A.D. 1543. Vols. 1-2. Ysendyck (Van). La Belgique Monumentale. 100 Planches en Phototypie tirees de : Sluyterman, Interviews anciens en Belgique et les documents classes de l'art. 1915. Zimmer (George Frederick) The Mechanical handling and storing of material. Being a treatise on the handling and storing of material such as Grain, Coal, Ore, Timber, etc., by automatic or semi-automatic machinery, together with the various accessories used in the manipulation of such plant. 1916.

LOCAL COLLECTION.

Additions have been secured for the Leeds & Yorkshire Collection of books, pamphlets, prints and maps, as follows :—

Baowman's Guide to Richmond and Neighbourhood, including Rokeby: with four lithographic views of Richmond. 1836. Cooper (T.P.) Literary Associations of the City of York. 1916. Cudworth (W.) Worstedopolis. Sketch History of the Town and Trade of Bradford. 1888. Early Yorkshire Charters: being a collection of documents anterior to the thirteenth century, made from the Public Records, monastic chartularies, Roger Dodsworth's manuscripts and other available sources. Vol. 3. Edited by W. Farrer. 1916. Foster (Charles Wilmer), and Green (Joseph J.) History of the Wilmer Family, together with some account of its descendants. 1888. Hirst (T. H.) Armorial Bearings of Kingston-upon-Hull. 1916. Historical Sketch of the General Infirmary, Leeds, 1767-1916. 1917. Marston Moor: sive de Obsidione Praelioque Eboracensi Carmen; cum Quibusdam Miscellaneis. Opera Studioque Pagani Piscatoris Elucubrat. 1650. Phillimore's Yorkshire Marriage Registers. West Riding. Doncaster. 1557-1837. Vols. 3-4. 1915. Raikes (G. A.) Roll of the Officers of the First and Second Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment; formerly The Royal Highland Regiments. (1775-1783.) Late 84th (York and Lancaster) Regiment, 1758-1884. 2 Vols. 1885. Sheppard (T.) Correct Arms of Kingston-upon-Hull. Sheppard (T.) Yorkshire's Contribution to Science. With a bibliography of Natural History Publications. 1916. Volume of Photographic Views of Walton Hall. (1885). Watson (John). History and Antiquities of the Parish of Halifax. Second Edition. With Additions and corrections, by F. A. Leyland. Part 1-4. (all published). N.D.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The total issues in the Reference Library during the year under review was 91,994, as compared with 106,628 last year. The classes of books were :—General works 9,574, Philosophy 3,292, Religion 4,556, Sociology 8,865, Philology 3,336, Natural Science 7,080, Useful Arts 8,885, Fine Arts 5,931, Music 2,639, Literature 9,797, History 7,677, Voyages, Travels 3,806, Biography 4,273. Directories 10,351.

Despite the decrease of readers in the Reference Library, this Department has rendered useful service to the City, and help to many citizens in search of information upon the many problems presented by the National crisis.

Exhibits of Commercial Books and of works dealing with the War, Gardening, Flowers and the Tercentenary of Shakespeare's death were placed in the show cases, and attracted considerable attention.

Your Committee regret that they are not yet in a position to give improved facilities for the use of the American, English and German Specifications of Patents now stored at the Dewsbury Road and York Road Branches in consequence of the expense involved.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

In the Central Lending Library the number of books borrowed for home reading amounted to 170,336 as against 187,704, a decrease of 17,368. The Classes of Books borrowed were as follows :—Magazines 2,722, Theology and Philosophy 4,759, Sociology 2,770, Useful Arts and Science, 11,483, Fine Arts 3,978, Music 2,570, Literature 5,452, Fiction 103,773, Poetry and the Drama 1,639, History and Biography 8,274, Geography and Travels 4,635, Juvenile Literature 18,281.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The Volumes used at the Branch Libraries numbered 800,068 as against 820,221, which is a decrease of 20,153 as compared with 1915-16. The classes of books used were as follows :—Theology and Philosophy 6,180, Useful Arts 26,463, Music 954, Literature 7,493, Fiction 481,818, History and Biography 19,139, Geography and Travels 12,244, Juvenile Literature 212,840, Magazine 15,630, Sociology 7,937, Fine Arts 5,942, Poetry and the Drama 3,428.

EVENING BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The Evening Branch Libraries at Brownhill, Burley, Farnley, Lower Wortley, Meanwood, New Farnley, Primrose Hill, Pudsey and Rodley, have been the means of giving the inhabitants reading facilities which have been appreciated.

THE JUVENILE READING ROOMS.

The issue of books amounted to 124,423 Volumes, as compared with 136,394 last year, a decrease of 11,951.

As was the case last year many parents refused to allow their children out of doors in consequence of the darkened conditions of the streets, and naturally there is a decrease in their use.

Nevertheless we still are pleased to report that these departments of the libraries are helping to form the reading habit at the right age.

The Story-Telling Hour has been again a special feature. Talks have been given to 3,340 children by the Assistant set apart for this work, on Stories from the "Arabian Nights," Stories for Girls on "Little Women" taken from Louisa Alcott's book, Christmas Holiday Story, taken from

Judge Parry's "Butterscotia." An account of Siegfried Exploits. Ruskin's "King of the Golden River," and Thackeray's "Rose and the Ring," An Evening with the Poets, the History of Toys and the story of the Shakespeare Tercentenary.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The Books added to the Central and Branch Libraries have been classified and catalogued and 20,947 Cards and Catalogue Slips written for them. Also the work of revising the Card Catalogue of the Reference Library has been continued, and many new cards written.

In consequence of the calling up of four of the staff for Military Service, it has made it impossible to issue as many typewritten topical lists as in the past, and other developments in the department of work must be postponed until after the war.

One Assistant, Mr. D. L. Strachan, who joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war, and obtained a commission in the West Yorkshire Regiment, as Lieutenant, and secured further promotion, being made Captain, died at Beckett's Park Hospital, after being invalided home from the front.

THE PRESS.

The "Yorkshire Weekly Post" as in past years, has continued each week to generously insert in its columns, a list of the chief additions made to the Reference and Central Lending Libraries, and the "Armley and Wortley News," for the Armley Branch, and have notified any special work being done.

COMMERCIAL LIBRARIES.

The question of establishing a Commercial department of the Libraries is under consideration, and it is hoped that in the near future it will become an accomplished fact.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom was held in London on the 4th Oct., 1916, being attended by the Chairman, Mr. Councillor Roberts, Mr. Councillor T. Pearson, Deputy-Chairman, along with the Chief Librarian, Mr. T. W. Hand, and a report of the proceedings of the Conference was presented to the Libraries and Arts Committee.

In conclusion, your Committee desire to say that while no unusual developments have taken place in the libraries, they have nevertheless been of incalculable benefit to the citizens in a multiplicity of ways in this war-time.

ART GALLERY.

The work of this department continues to be much appreciated by the public as will be seen by the fact that the number of visitors to the Art Gallery for the year was 160,498 compared with 144,533 in 1915-16, and 174,107 for 1914-15.

In consequence of the war and the desire to exercise economy no pictures or any other works have been purchased during the year.

EXHIBITIONS.

In place of the Annual Exhibitions arrangements were made for an exhibition of "Design and Workmanship in Printing," a selection of War Cartoons by Raemaker and Forain, a small exhibit of works by British Sculptors, and an exhibition of Serbian Native Home Work.

The Committee desires to record its indebtedness to Mr. W. Deighton for a selection of old furniture he has been good enough to deposit on loan which is still on exhibition, and has been a source of pleasure to collectors, designers, students, and the general visitor.

LOANS.

With a view to the periodical exhibition of Pictures in the Branch Libraries and Reading Rooms, an experiment is being made in this direction by placing at the Armley, Dewsbury Road, and York Road, a selection of pictures.

ADDITIONS TO THE GALLERY.

The Permanent Collection has during the year been enriched by the presentation by the National Art Collections' Fund of a water-colour drawing entitled "The Desert of Mount Sinia," by J. E. Lewis, R.A., also four portrait drawings of W. B. Yeats, Mrs. Max Beerbohm, "A Rabbi" and one of himself, by W. Rothenstein, presented by the Artist. A Coronation Medal in Bronze, of William the IV., presented by the Royal Mint, and your Committee has expressed to each of these donors their sincere thanks for the gifts.

The sum of £21 19s. 2d. has been received in royalties on the sale of picture postcards, and reproductions of pictures, in the Permanent Collection, etc.

T. PEARSON,

Deputy-Chairman of the
Libraries and Arts Committee.

THOMAS W. HAND,

City Librarian and Curator.

ARTHUR WILLEY,

Chairman of the Sub-Libraries
and Arts (Art Gallery) Committee.

Dated the 27th day of September, 1917.

ANNUAL ISSUES OF VOLUMES FROM EACH LIBRARY SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

YEARS.	1 Reference.	2 Central Lending.	3 Amley.	4 Beeston.	5 Bramley.	6 Brownhill.	7 Burley.	8 Chapel- town.	9 Dewbury Road.	10 East Street.	11 Farnley.	12 Hadding- ton.	13 Holbeck.	14 Hunslet.	15 Kirkstall.	16 Lower Wortley.	17 Meanwood.	18 New Farnley.	19 New Wortley.	20 Primrose Hill.	21 Pudsey Town End.	22 Rodley.	23 Sheepscar.	24 South Ward.	25 Stanning- ley.	26 St. Peter's Square.	27 Upper Wortley.	28 Wood- house.	29 York Road.	30 Juvenile Libraries.	31 Travelling Libraries.	32 Juvenile School Libraries.	Annual Total.	Estimated Number of Visitors to News- rooms.	
1870-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,910	...	...	...	...	26,963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59,873	107,763
1871-2	26,691	81,422	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,068	...	...	...	...	24,856	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158,087	116,893
1872-3	28,049	247,992	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,300	...	...	...	...	28,951	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332,292	149,039
1873-4	31,593	250,344	820	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,955	...	...	...	...	30,659	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	342,371	197,559
1874-5	38,306	235,924	28,898	...	22,926	...	2,415	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,934	...	...	...	...	20,525	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	377,928	217,463
1875-6	47,076	228,806	26,126	...	21,227	...	18,454	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,151	...	...	...	...	19,438	9,464	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,926	...	...	...	395,668	366,974	
1876-7*	51,509	245,224	25,555	590	15,393	...	20,060	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,281	8,111	543	...	...	21,928	18,077	...	...	10,406	...	...	...	...	9,288	...	...	...	449,965	660,099	
1877-8	61,324	248,457	26,425	5,920	13,582	...	21,815	4,219	...	...	1,546	...	19,235	23,384	7,596	8,993	...	2,329	23,959	21,120	...	3,532	27,856	...	5,388	...	...	10,942	...	...	...	648,539	1,518,745	
1878-9	68,753	264,675	31,561	6,052	20,944	...	20,697	12,242	19,412	...	5,148	...	25,520	23,648	7,071	7,538	...	6,411	25,869	21,288	...	2,561	55,046	...	4,370	4,484	...	10,270	4,979	...	...	655,171	1,404,529	
1879-80	69,520	268,200	30,562	4,726	21,991	...	22,074	11,362	17,657	1,263	3,958	...	25,807	23,789	6,130	5,313	...	3,732	22,610	21,501	...	2,075	72,083	...	4,391	6,763	...	8,023	5,641	...	...	716,319	943,228	
1880-1	76,703	285,596	29,829	5,030	20,862	...	24,551	10,212	21,451	12,221	4,647	...	27,213	34,839	8,527	4,484	...	2,596	28,116	23,128	...	2,235	70,805	...	4,110	6,001	...	8,248	4,915	...	...	662,018	928,658	
1881-2†	71,417	272,147	29,104	3,183	17,944	...	20,939	9,473	14,335	8,855	3,362	...	24,546	36,184	7,833	3,849	...	2,096	26,198	22,707	...	2,431	64,608	...	4,842	4,126	...	7,693	4,126	...	...	642,175	843,557	
1882-3	73,833	266,296	28,898	2,402	17,867	...	17,779	8,617	14,475	6,951	3,357	...	22,993	36,148	8,783	2,900	...	2,260	28,256	19,318	...	2,086	57,360	...	4,205	4,431	...	7,951	5,009	...	...	652,594	886,673	
1883-4‡	78,986	275,885	29,720	2,417	18,801	...	18,152	9,247	12,566	6,288	3,160	...	21,654	32,374	8,570	2,994	...	3,198	29,291	17,122	...	1,920	54,887	...	4,206	4,813	...	6,628	7,779	1,936	...	753,610	1,000,736		
1884-5	88,022	342,038	30,959	1,626	20,479	...	16,291	9,770	10,870	6,591	3,175	12,531	25,548	28,868	8,347	3,243	...	4,292	30,326	16,213	...	1,102	57,503	...	3,929	4,731	...	4,245	9,283	13,628	...	835,556	1,037,164		
1885-6	103,092	398,674	30,388	1,817	19,134	...	14,585	10,444	9,990	8,157	3,078	14,532	27,146	34,815	8,435	3,971	...	2,128	32,362	15,511	...	962	62,978	...	5,344	3,980	...	3,484	8,317	...	...	823,005	1,147,099	
1886-7	114,401	390,019	28,031	1,407	20,823	...	13,377	10,578	9,678	8,118	2,486	14,185	24,592	35,091	8,555	2,908	...	1,650	32,025	14,538	...	1,234	58,253	...	5,792	3,444	...	3,795	4,631	13,394	...	...	847,499	1,194,117
1887-8	71,642	197,603	17,071	525	13,003	...	6,476	5,516	5,232	4,717	1,412	7,994	15,243	17,753	4,895	1,480	...	894	19,931	7,384	...	994	29,111	...	3,179	1,380	...	2,600	3,100	7,994	370	...	862,084	1,249,634	
1888-9	122,466	384,647	32,614	1,835	25,273	...	12,447	11,023	10,514	10,218	1,175	19,031	27,921	35,971	9,574	2,782	...	4,454	41,919	12,569	...	1,860	57,532	...	6,602	1,778	...	6,025	6,335	14,700	819	...	903,171	1,249,634	
1889-90	110,487	339,370	31,973	2,467	27,007	...	14,123	9,299	10,112	8,465	3,334	21,186	23,929	34,831	9,903	3,008	...	5,923	40,808	11,083	...	1,459	60,315	...	6,747	...	...	10,402	5,988	12,334	90	...	782,329	1,276,899
1890-1	117,424	314,012	27,663	2,608	26,511	...	12,870	9,058	12,152	9,001	3,963	22,146	22,955	35,090	9,907	2,962	...	4,591	39,789	10,993	...	1,278	61,795	...	7,482	...	...	12,728	12,764	41,213	...	...	901,600	1,485,244
1891-2	114,755	372,361	27,465	658	27,793	...	12,773	8,963	11,539	9,662	3,353	21,584	23,718	49,391	55,768	11,402	808	...	3,734	45,358	13,166	1,625	...	...	...	...	...	7,842	...	...	...	...	933,660	1,521,030
1892-3	111,451	376,730	29,056	...	27,399	...	12,841	8,452	13,775	9,860	2,817	24,710	24,731	55,768	10,379	700	...	4,108	43,535	9,564	...	1,387	73,605	...	7,482	...	...	12,728	12,764	41,213	...	...	979,900	1,627,698
1893-4	134,381	369,616	29,580	...	26,451	...	11,933	8,088	18,471	9,532	2,847	27,797	26,156	55,161	10,936	4,679	...	3,908	47,098	11,534	5,223	2,156	68,676	...	8,580	...	...	13,339	21,561	62,197	...	...	1,038,912	1,736,298
1894-5	145,114	374,765	30,902	...	30,703	...	12,513	8,594	23,070	9,300	2,571	28,437	30,143	50,607	12,559	4,567	...	3,963	48,696	11,277	4,228	3,167	67,565	...	9,087	...	...	11,902	18,926	96,256	...	...	991,012	1,678,029
1895-6	142,584	362,105	27,984	...	25,138	...	15,687	9,385	23,165	8,574	2,439	28,327	27,411	46,284	12,059	3,500	...	3,533	42,260	10,465	4,270	2,139	69,201	...	7,118	...	...	11,365	16,127	89,592	...	...	986,166	1,431,119
1896-7	136,037	379,469	26,020	...	22,942	...	17,220	7,901	21,235	7,805	2,946	27,307	25,665	42,486	12,173	3,493	...	1,965	37,569	10,659	4,347	1,459	64,982	...	8,226	...	...	15,818	15,183	93,259	...	...	1,014,893	1,497,343
1897-8	127,866	418,466	26,085	...	21,478	...	16,785	10,350	19,891	7,039	2,653	28,253	24,311	46,487	12,051	3,718	...	3,991	41,324	10,533	4,160	1,349	65,058	...	7,172	...	...	14,038	15,809	86,026	...	...	943,406	1,560,000
1898-9	120,585	389,481	23,762	...	23,219	...	15,877	13,044	17,392	6,619	2,413	29,306	26,474	40,475	13,188	2,987	...	4,281	40,505	9,378	4,212	1,338	53,421	...	5,876	...	...	14,599	15,561	69,413	...	...	844,172	1,511,000
1899-1900	116,448	332,417	23,501	...	18,766	...	14,741	14,088	16,339	5,958	1,847	24,111	23,818	36,188	13,290	2,779	...	3,551	42,703	7,085	3,616	1,550	47,857	...	5,281	...	...	12,515	13,090	62,633	...	...	936,851	1,650,000
1900-1	126,159	360,365	22,685	...	21,828	...	13,392	14,296	16,156	5,618	1,686	39,128	27,193	44,645	13,032	3,321	...	3,994	47,370	9,208	3,054	1,744	56,926	...	10,263	...	15,080	14,537	14,026	51,145	...	...	988,710	1,662,000
1901-2	129,073	366,266	20,857	...	24,286	...	14,686	15,203	18,204	5,744	1,504	49,818	33,758	48,606	11,589	3,750	...	4,826	52,730	11,346	3,003	2,456	65,483	...	15,365	...	19,860	12,687	18,533	38,677	...	...	1,176,295	1,913,756
1902-3	127,075	345,581	136,705	...	26,876	...	13,998	15,931	14,306	5,955	1,398	45,719	31,985	49,208	12,746	3,240	...	3,606	43,244	12,229	2,941	3,033	64,451	...	13,828	...	13,639	142,849	17,938	27,814	...	...	1,229,924	2,310,299
1903-4	129,530	325,575	130,022	...	28,058	...	13,359	14,511	126,722	5,107	1,632	43,881	40,502	43,083	16,261	3,452	...	2,841	35,165	13,235	2,863	2,563	63,713	...	13,390	11,318	135,247	19,257	17,337	1,423,553	2,517,040
1904-5	129,360	330,559	126,301	...	30,087	...	13,120	59,827	169,836	6,062	2,305	49,165	86,465	42,239	21,917	3,107	...	2,812	33,808	13,780	2,748	2,663	58,701	...	12,401	...	10,059	146,957	64,601	4,673	...	...	1,536,930	2,742,644
1905-6	129,972	333,507	139,258	...	31,336	35,555	12,934	64,353	175,624	4,973	2,653	55,601	85,997	44,483	26,474	2,964	3,408	...	3,313	27,458	12,725	2,974	3,239	64,974	2,984	9,368	...	11,965	145,692	105,046	...	...	1,430,719	2,649,612
1906-7	121,344	254,120	125,236	...	30,738	43,069	12,300	63,940	165,901	3,020	2,250	53,017	82,180	39,720	23,836	3,251	3,821	2,855	25,410	12,549	1,817	3,051	62,606	3,414	8,261	...	13,768	136,182	100,691	...	...	1,435,623	2,672,826	
1907-8	125																																		

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

OPENED IN INFIRMARY STREET, OCTOBER, 1871 ; REMOVED
TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, JUNE, 1884.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE
REFERENCE LIBRARY.

				1915-16.		1916-17.
General Works	..	..	..	11,098	..	11,439
Philosophy and Religion	..	..	..	8,883	..	9,223
Sociology	..	..	..	13,695	..	14,335
Philology	..	..	..	871	..	952
Natural Science	..	..	..	9,873	..	10,067
Useful Arts	..	..	..	8,115	..	8,488
Fine Arts	..	..	..	6,809	..	7,124
Literature	..	..	..	11,211	..	11,716
History	..	..	..	15,342	..	15,863
Voyages and Travels	..	..	..	5,821	..	5,959
Biography	..	..	..	7,297	..	7,483
Directories	..	..	..	232	..	247
Specifications of Patents	..	..	..	9,044	..	9,102
TOTAL				108,291	..	112,003

LAW LIBRARY.

ESTABLISHED IN THE TOWN HALL, 1864 ; TRANSFERRED
TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1892.

				1915-16.		1916-17.
Number of Volumes	Law Reports	..	..	1,572	..	1,577
„	Text-Books..	..	..	262	..	265
„	Other Publications	..	..	238	..	241
TOTAL				2,072	..	2,083

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES CONSULTED, 1916-17.

MONTHS.		General Works, Cyclopedias, Bibliography, and Magazines.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	History.	Voyages, Travels.	Biography.	Directories.	Specifications of Patents.	Total Number of Volumes Issued each Month.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average for each Month of all Classes.
April.	1916	895	235	366	688	284	514	706	534	202	770	697	316	305	829	155	7,496	340	340
May	"	1,178	289	351	923	299	701	800	586	216	929	613	344	433	1,018	176	8,856	328	328
June	"	987	250	373	638	236	671	742	547	223	627	543	362	316	922	276	7,763	26	298
July	"	962	246	335	668	257	469	705	431	222	398	415	318	280	920	328	6,954	26	267
August	"	808	230	363	555	274	434	700	489	284	412	493	320	347	942	112	6,763	27	250
September	"	704	257	390	481	314	620	851	537	225	525	632	342	351	845	215	7,320	26	281
October	"	779	401	508	700	364	696	835	583	221	954	760	309	351	889	82	8,432	26	324
November	"	666	307	419	893	280	585	775	474	208	1,139	902	261	373	862	61	8,205	26	315
December	"	616	259	324	613	240	521	633	391	178	815	547	259	430	847	78	6,428	24	267
January, 1917	"	636	277	386	740	259	614	639	490	250	984	677	339	430	812	99	7,632	27	282
February	"	600	235	361	746	221	565	660	402	193	1,008	638	307	408	729	145	7,218	24	300
March	"	743	306	380	1,170	308	690	839	467	217	1,236	760	329	441	836	205	8,927	27	304
Totals, 1916-17		9,574	3,292	4,556	*8,865	3,336	7,080	8,885	5,931	2,639	9,797	7,677	3,806	4,273	10,351	1,932	91,994	308	298
Totals, 1915-16		12,574	3,442	4,909	+10,523	4,170	7,540	10,022	7,707	2,721	10,467	8,415	4,069	4,675	12,877	2,517	106,628	306	348

*Including 1,245 Law Books consulted in the Law Library.

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YEARS.	A Theology, &c. Morals, &c.	B Natural Science, &c.	C Jurisprudence, Law, &c.	D Sociology.	E Education, Language.	F Topography, Antiquities.	G Classical Literature.	H Literature.	I Natural History.	K Arts and Technology.	L General History.	M Biography.	N Poetry and the Drama.	O Geography, Travels, Voyages.	P Directories, Dictionaries, Heraldry.	Specifications of Patents.	Total.	Daily Average of the Books Issued.
1871-80.	11,424	17,595	6,745	3,272	7,571	13,568	6,441	148,952	14,287	51,579	19,190	9,303	14,852	26,870	52,714	18,458	422,821	149
1881-90.	21,222	44,128	13,930	6,992	21,115	30,682	15,070	295,623	30,314	108,553	37,197	17,584	30,887	37,051	152,313	48,388	911,049	321
1891-1900.	29,889	61,824	14,739	11,702	23,043	34,513	10,660	410,247	34,513	152,700	36,746	21,405	34,114	49,272	218,113	123,511	1,267,065	412
1900-1.	2,706	6,063	936	1,474	1,899	2,696	500	44,535	2,507	14,625	3,481	2,588	1,839	3,762	26,703	9,845	126,159	412
1901-2.	3,876	6,593	1,027	2,266	4,005	2,723	570	46,031	2,434	16,269	3,612	2,595	2,019	3,481	24,834	6,738	129,073	423
TOTALS.	69,117	136,203	37,377	25,706	57,633	84,256	33,241	945,388	84,055	343,726	100,226	53,475	83,711	120,436	474,677	206,940	856,167	

NEW CLASSIFICATION.

YEAR.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	History.	Voyages, Travels.	Biography.	Directories.	Specifications of Patents.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average of the Books Issued.
1902-3.	36,360	1,654	3,420	6,368	2,559	6,159	12,935	8,966	82	6,947	8,874	4,124	2,984	20,167	5,476	127,075	304	417
1903-4.	29,036	1,311	3,855	6,205	3,287	5,593	14,034	8,272	1,024	8,105	7,877	4,170	3,072	20,417	4,572	120,830	306	394
1904-5.	28,038	1,541	4,577	12,407	3,341	6,423	14,388	8,106	1,482	8,638	7,200	4,473	3,153	20,777	4,816	129,360	305	424
1905-6.	25,855	1,338	4,569	12,335	3,563	6,969	13,755	7,568	1,282	8,482	7,941	4,537	3,422	23,439	3,917	128,972	310	412
1906-7.	23,725	1,279	4,463	11,443	3,848	6,256	10,633	6,372	1,809	10,434	7,658	4,061	3,589	21,925	3,849	121,344	303	400
1907-8.	24,216	1,412	4,809	11,255	4,183	6,864	11,357	6,514	1,524	10,473	8,773	4,291	3,375	22,091	4,320	125,657	307	409
1908-9.	27,867	1,571	3,363	13,297	2,204	7,624	10,830	6,858	1,401	8,724	7,729	4,015	2,542	22,783	5,066	125,874	304	414
1909-10.	25,420	1,718	3,511	17,853	2,216	8,776	11,159	7,275	1,663	11,486	8,725	5,053	2,941	22,307	4,662	134,765	303	444
1910-11.	26,221	2,371	3,884	20,523	2,373	8,066	12,345	7,277	2,083	12,440	8,968	5,039	3,689	23,188	4,800	143,267	306	468
1911-12.	20,120	2,844	3,994	16,789	1,745	7,306	11,897	6,523	1,965	10,884	9,465	4,014	3,527	19,664	4,037	124,774	304	412
1912-13.	17,558	2,974	5,226	12,884	2,743	7,894	12,627	7,123	2,210	11,754	9,672	4,229	4,636	19,963	4,255	125,748	303	415
1913-14.	16,669	3,402	5,568	13,118	3,670	7,437	13,119	7,674	2,354	12,638	9,619	4,603	4,683	19,766	3,150	127,464	307	415
1914-15.	16,582	3,746	5,294	12,642	3,785	7,506	10,685	8,212	2,740	10,647	8,533	4,465	4,979	16,058	4,607	120,481	306	393
1915-16.	12,574	3,442	4,909	10,523	4,170	7,540	10,022	7,707	2,721	10,467	8,415	4,069	4,675	12,877	2,517	106,628	306	348
1916-17.	9,574	3,292	4,556	8,865	3,336	7,080	8,885	5,931	2,639	9,797	7,677	3,806	4,273	10,351	1,932	91,994	308	298

CENTRAL, BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES AND JUVENILE ROOMS.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES IN STOCK.—NEW CLASSIFICATION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Sociology.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	Fiction.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.
Central ..	2,218	4,423	2,845	5,988	1,856	1,407	3,145	15,790	1,344	7,815	3,436	4,869	55,136
Armley ..	134	988	850	1,393	526	139	782	5,921	267	1,656	680	1,474	14,810
Do. Juvenile Room	124	26	32	134	9	..	23	..	7	78	43	862	1,338
Dewsbury Road ..	144	1,020	861	1,704	481	134	899	6,555	226	1,905	997	1,922	16,848
Do. Juvenile Room	113	14	8	134	..	..	122	..	8	70	91	836	1,396
Kirkstall ..	..	188	129	325	81	18	297	3,100	95	437	310	910	5,890
Rodley ..	..	61	28	119	11	3	95	1,145	19	157	130	406	2,174
Woodhouse Moor ..	325	788	745	1,404	643	76	999	7,404	369	1,990	870	1,400	17,013
Do. Juvenile Room	97	14	5	70	1	..	32	..	1	61	40	532	853
York Road ..	328	622	509	1,060	395	..	577	5,514	158	1,271	589	1,240	12,263
Do. Juvenile Room	61	12	8	84	1	..	19	..	4	48	45	787	1,072
TOTALS 1916-17 ..	3,547	8,156	6,020	12,415	4,004	1,777	6,990	45,429	2,498	15,488	7,231	15,238	128,793
TOTALS 1915-16 ..	3,546	8,046	5,771	12,173	3,922	1,769	6,877	44,842	2,448	15,159	7,156	15,458	127,167

BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES IN STOCK.

OLD CLASSIFICATION.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Theology and Philosophy.	History and Biography.	Voyages and Travels.	Science, Art, and Technology.	Fiction.	General Literature and Magazines.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTALS
Bramley	292	713	367	858	4,436	425	1,174	8,265
Brownhill .. .	108	280	106	327	2,463	120	636	4,040
Burley	50	252	138	237	2,300	125	521	3,623
Chapel-Allerton ..	525	1,059	536	1,293	5,857	614	1,435	11,319
Farnley	46	175	128	124	998	45	656	2,172
Headingley .. .	221	716	408	640	4,727	315	1,078	8,105
Holbeck	383	1,124	524	1,472	4,492	378	1,824	10,197
Do. Juvenile ..	14	32	19	47	..	69	584	765
Hunslet .. (1)	411	1,249	551	1,501	3,979	810	1,320	9,821
Lower Wortley ..	62	251	192	175	1,113	143	522	2,458
Meanwood .. .	10	71	21	46	448	30	34	660
New Farnley ..	61	165	127	171	1,308	103	743	2,678
New Wortley ..	329	971	444	1,154	4,549	463	1,098	9,008
Primrose Hill ..	50	289	152	364	1,726	164	447	3,192
Pudsey Town End	58	75	56	113	672	43	270	1,287
Sheepscar	235	1,994	1,236	2,367	5,759	861	576	13,028
Stanningley ..	79	227	138	269	1,765	138	732	3,348
Upper Wortley ..	83	222	142	179	1,535	65	179	2,405
Juvenile Circulating Libraries ..	4	56	..	89	..	..	2,470	2,619
TOTALS 1916-17	3,021	9,921	5,285	11,426	48,127	4,911	16,299	98,990
TOTALS 1915-16	3,011	9,862	5,269	11,349	48,089	4,908	16,450	98,938

(1) The Hunslet Branch Library was closed on September 30th, 1915, and the books stored at the York Road Branch.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ADDED, WITHDRAWN, BOUND, AND LOST.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Number of Volumes Purchased.	Donations.	Worn-out Books Replaced.	Books Withdrawn as Worn-out or useless.	Number of Volumes Bound.	Books Lost or Damaged by Borrowers and Paid for.	Books Lost and not Recorded.
Reference ..	3,238	487	9	22	594	...	...
Central Lending ..	1,213	31	697	1,175	1,531	24	...
Armley	586	30	394	728	515	6	...
Bramley	148	4	103	91	251	3	...
Brownhill	124	5	100	77	230	..	...
Burley	55	1	12	1	2	..	...
Chapel-Allerton ..	195	7	80	94	344	7	...
Dewsbury Road ..	438	5	234	402	417	12	...
Farnley	25	..	..	..	2	..	...
Headingley	186	5	87	172	279	4	...
Holbeck	71	5	60	11	148	8	...
Hunslet .. ..	..	..	..	565	..	..	...
Kirkstall	131	5	54	83	127	2	1
Lower Wortley ..	33	..	..	..	2	..	...
Meanwood	1	..	..	..	..	..	...
New Farnley	51	..	1	..	..	..	...
New Wortley	39	4	44	17	117	3	...
Primrose Hill ..	22	..	205	596	155	..	...
Pudsey Town End	3	..	..	..	..	..	...
Rodley	22	1	6	45	97	..	...
Sheepscar	241	4	275	573	623	7	...
Stanningley	80	3	6	27	28	2	...
Upper Wortley ..	34	4	43	43	56	1	...
Woodhouse Moor	464	5	319	563	833	8	...
York Road	193	7	172	385	214	5	...
Juvenile Circulating Libraries ..	..	..	..	47	..	..	...
TOTALS 1916-17	7,593	613	2,901	5,717	6,565	92	...
TOTALS 1915-16	10,058	577	1,899	5,323	5,743	76	1

* NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Sociology.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Literature.	Fiction.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.	No. of Days Open.	Average Daily.
Central (Day) ...	2,722	4,759	2,770	11,483	3,978	2,570	5,452	103,773	1,639	8,274	4,635	18,281	170,336	308	553
Armley (Day) ...	1,749	1,353	1,610	4,805	1,344	103	781	60,452	582	3,650	1,759	25,777	103,905	308	337
Bramley (Day) ...	219	143	212	1,180	223	...	306	22,632	...	...	665	11,524	38,082	306	124
Brownhill (6) ...	264	74	148	503	29	...	138	19,683	50	369	269	13,399	34,926	308	113
Burley (3)...	...	8	...	3	29	...	24	1,341	...	...	2	564	...	53	36
Chapel-Allerton (Day)	1,665	329	220	919	213	...	529	37,097	224	978	705	11,102	53,981	308	173
Dewsbury Road (Day)	2,509	1,168	1,842	5,735	1,153	230	1,749	65,307	424	3,765	2,277	27,009	113,168	308	367
Farnley (1) ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	614	...	...	5	212	835	53	15
Headingley (Day) ...	1,760	191	190	738	227	...	335	42,505	101	813	645	12,744	60,249	308	195
Holbeck (Day) ...	1,681	102	579	895	136	9	153	20,176	90	657	601	15,684	40,763	308	132
Hunslet (Day) ...	28	...	...	...	4	...	4	404	...	...	...	85	525	60	8
Kirkstall (Day) ...	928	151	84	674	89	12	132	14,245	87	313	280	5,849	22,844	308	74
Lower Wortley (2) ...	...	15	...	29	...	...	21	1,493	...	42	6	972	2,578	94	27
Meanwood (2) ...	85	10	1	...	...	...	3	1,364	...	24	18	302	1,807	102	17
New Farnley (1) ...	...	10	...	9	...	...	6	1,166	...	1	...	431	1,023	53	30
New Wortley (Day) ...	279	112	41	505	131	52	125	10,558	55	426	252	8,377	20,913	308	67
Primrose Hill (3)...	...	83	...	47	...	...	8	1,844	...	...	26	2,343	4,351	53	82
Pudsey Town End (2)	...	54	...	43	...	...	2	1,331	...	...	34	364	1,828	104	17
Rodley (6) ...	77	12	13	41	1	...	28	1,284	16	37	37	960	2,506	308	8
Sheepspear (Day) ...	495	588	474	1,859	754	78	539	48,828	569	1,545	1,354	16,746	73,849	308	239
Stanningley (Day) ...	...	259	168	1,791	...	...	127	6,618	...	...	...	4,868	13,831	301	45
Upper Wortley (Day) ...	...	156	167	452	...	...	242	5,785	...	...	...	2,725	9,527	308	30
Woodhouse Moor (Day)...	3,004	934	1,297	3,870	1,256	470	1,815	88,805	955	3,568	2,460	28,548	136,982	308	444
York Road (Day) ...	887	428	891	2,362	382	...	405	28,286	155	2,093	849	21,140	57,878	308	187
Juvenile School Libraries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,115	1,115	...	...
Totals 1916-17	18,352	10,939	10,707	37,946	9,920	3,524	12,945	585,591	5,067	27,413	16,879	231,121	970,404	...	...
Totals 1915-16	19,790	12,241	12,105	37,766	12,083	3,950	15,747	610,633	6,155	27,554	18,521	231,380	1,007,925	...	...

* The figures in parentheses, following the names of the Libraries, denote the number of evenings which they are open each week.
† The Hunslet Branch Library closed September 30th, 1915.

JUVENILE READING ROOMS.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1916-17.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	Magazines.	Theology and Philosophy.	Useful Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	Poetry and the Drama.	History and Biography.	Geography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Totals.	No. of Days Open.	Daily Average.
Armley Juvenile Room ..	4,324	120	444	87	33	442	44	20,939	26,433	308	85
Dewsbury Road Juvenile Room ..	7,042	382	2,487	5,351	479	1,622	1,479	14,487	33,329	300	111
Holbeck Juvenile Room ..	4,287	180	543	290	..	550	536	11,968	18,354	308	59
Woodhouse Moor Juvenile Room ..	1,629	55	712	149	..	454	199	7,260	10,458	308	33
York Road Juvenile Room ..	5,695	209	997	637	7	1,456	528	26,320	35,849	308	116
TOTALS 1916-17 ..	22,977	946	5,183	6,514	519	4,524	2,786	80,974	124,423	..	..
TOTALS 1915-16 ..	25,112	1,081	5,078	6,378	199	4,636	3,051	90,839	136,374	..	..

CENTRAL AND BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS MADE FOR THE RETURN OF BOOKS

Name of Library.	Applica- tions to Borrowers for Overdue Books.	Applica- tions to Guarantors for Overdue Books.	Applica- tions to Borrowers as to Books Lost or Damaged.	Applica- tions to Guarantors as to Books Lost or Damaged.	Personal Applica- tions.	Total Applica- tions.
Central	1,752	13	26	3	42	1,836
Armley	579	..	5	..	35	619
Bramley	113	1	..	..	3	117
Brownhill	85	4	..	..	7	96
Burley .. ..	..	..	..	..	8	8
Chapel-Allerton ..	155	..	2	..	2	159
Dewsbury Road ..	520	8	39	1	12	580
Farnley .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Headingley	86	4	5	..	6	101
Holbeck	219	..	3	1	40	263
Hunslet .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkstall	150	..	2	..	6	158
Lower Wortley ..	5	..	1	..	..	6
Meanwood	1	..	..	..	..	1
New Farnley .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Wortley	123	..	3	..	12	138
Primrose Hill ..	8	..	3	..	3	14
Pudsey Town End	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rodley	4	..	..	..	..	4
Sheepscar	341	..	12	..	15	368
Stanningley	72	..	..	..	4	76
Upper Wortley ..	45	6	..	..	5	56
Woodhouse Moor	967	15	3	..	30	1,015
York Road	522	5	30	3	11	571
TOTALS 1916-17	5,747	56	134	8	241	6,186
TOTALS 1915-16	6,368	107	141	19	311	6,946

CENTRAL AND BRANCH LENDING LIBRARIES.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS' TICKETS ISSUED DURING 1916-17.

Name of Library.	Number of Tickets Issued and in Force, 1916-1917.	Number of Tickets Issued and in Force, 1915-1916.
Central	6,470	7,142
Armley	3,180	3,038
Bramley	1,037	1,074
Brownhill	1,096	1,086
Burley	78	99
Chapel-Allerton	1,501	1,558
Dewsbury Road	3,753	3,442
Farnley	22	23
Headingley	1,716	1,652
Holbeck	1,179	1,115
Hunslet	92	304
Kirkstall	731	676
Lower Wortley	81	63
Meanwood	57	60
New Farnley	49	45
New Wortley	702	694
Primrose Hill	163	198
Pudsey Town End	38	43
Rodley	81	91
Sheepscar	2,238	2,178
Stanningley	299	286
Upper Wortley	363	258
Woodhouse Moor	4,402	4,432
York Road	1,814	1,711
TOTALS	31,142	31,268

MALLEES.	Central	Armsley	Bramley	Brownhill	Bursley	Chapel Allerton	Dewsbury Road.	Farnley	Headingley	Holbeck	Hunsley	Kirkstall	Lower Wortley	Mearnswood	New Farnley	New Wortley	Primrose Hill.	Pudsey Town End	Rodeley.	Sheepscar	Stanningly	Upper Wortley.	Woodhouse Moor.	York Road	TOTALS.
Accountants and Auditors	31	...	...	1	...	4	6	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	9	1	62
Agents and Collectors	57	13	3	14	...	26	15	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	15	...	...	24	8	210
Architects and Surveyors	29	4	...	...	...	8	38	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	69
Artists and Draughtsmen	49	13	7	5	...	18	33	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	28	7	184
Artizans	25	53	8	...	...	5	47	...	58	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	34	283
Bakers and Confectioners	9	3	...	4	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	36
Barristers and Solicitors	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	27
Building Trades	24	15	8	6	2	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cabinetmakers, &c.	56	14	3	10	...	7	48	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clergymen and Ministers	58	10	4	...	...	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clerks ...	415	169	33	45	1	56	111	1	60	27	4	20	...	...	1	29	...	...	...	66	1	9	124	30	1,195
Commercial Travellers	40	8	5	5	...	21	10	...	15	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	2	39	3	179
Dyers	1	2	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	22
Electricians	52	24	2	2	...	10	23	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	2	12	15	175
Engineers, Fitters, &c.	159	187	38	24	8	26	225	...	23	62	2	19	...	...	4	49	9	...	6	45	18	5	96	46	1,051
Gentlemen	29	17	...	12	...	34	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	58	4	280
Labourers	16	17	10	1	2	...	36	...	17	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	21	174
Leather Trades	30	24	9	...	...	...	6	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Managers and Senior Clerks	195	24	8	9	1	31	95	...	31	16	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medical, Dentists, &c.	76	1	9	1	...	21	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Merchants and Manufacturers	54	10	3	2	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Metal Workers	59	15	7	24	1	6	41	...	...	42	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Munition Workers	16	8	2	...	...	...	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Painters and Paperhangers	17	7	5	2	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Photographers	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police Officers	25	8	...	7	...	...	10	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Printers, Bookbinders, &c.	75	18	4	11	2	13	21	...	14	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Railway Servants	55	43	2	11	...	1	35	...	3	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scholars	387	534	164	249	10	147	716	2	212	265	32	122	28	7	8	170	91	...	...	399	88	74	697	477	4,898
Schoolmasters and Teachers	102	32	7	4	...	20	32	...	18	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shop Assistants	66	28	8	17	1	15	31	...	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shopkeepers	99	25	6	16	2	18	32	...	12	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Soldiers	17	1	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Students	68	10	5	6	...	11	157	...	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tailoring Trades	158	32	5	26	4	9	36	...	11	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tramway Workers	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warehousemen, Salesmen, &c.	59	14	7	8	...	13	26	...	8	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woolen Operatives	21	15	...	4	...	1	7	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	40	53	28	27	2	1	41	...	12	14	1	5	2	6	10	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not Described	150	31	30	14	3	12	16	2	40	5	9	7	11	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS, 1916-17	2,833	1,502	465	601	41	565	1,992	9	626	613	59	295	46	29	26	386	122	21	28	1,016	166	160	1,839	973	14,410
TOTALS, 1915-16	3,391	1,435	484	613	51	612	1,759	6	694	599	154	268	37	27	24	401	165	26	45	1,048	159	133	1,854	908	14,891

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BORROWERS' TRADES—Continued.

FEMALES.																														
	Central.				Army.	Bramley.	Bromhill.	Barley.	Chapel.	Dewsbury	Farnley.	Headingley.	Holbeck.	Hunslet.	Kirkstall.	Lower	Mannwood.	New	Worley.	Pimrose	Pudsey	Rothley.	Sheepscar.	Stanningley.	Upper	Woodhouse	York	Totals.		
										Road.						Worley.		Farley.		Hill.	Town				Worley.	Moor.	Road.			
Artizans	17	99	18	1	...	...	...	25	6	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	7	3	21	10	6	32	270
Bakers and Confectioners	20	8	2	5	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	15	4	77	
Clerks, &c.	397	117	36	37	...	42	...	123	85	23	...	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	5	...	...	1	100	2	9	223	43	1,265	
Domestics, &c.	45	14	15	3	1	32	...	78	43	24	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	23	3	2	112	13	437	
Dressmakers, &c.	126	40	17	6	...	13	...	44	16	20	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	19	2	3	56	21	395	
Housewives	746	507	132	140	7	365	...	454	216	134	...	...	...	...	151	...	5	6	77	7	...	...	259	21	40	771	144	4,192	
Munition Workers	50	29	3	...	...	...	...	15	3	11	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	22	173	
Professional & Gentlemen	72	28	3	15	...	116	...	74	13	7	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	...	3	76	5	433	
Scholars	186	437	132	165	18	136	...	384	204	146	10	104	12	12	104	...	...	10	83	18	...	...	283	45	89	643	246	3,881	
Schoolmistresses & Teachers	198	62	25	11	...	42	...	48	1	46	...	12	1	...	12	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	28	2	4	111	33	647	
Shop Assistants	174	40	5	19	1	25	...	31	37	15	...	6	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	69	2	2	54	27	522	
Students	150	20	7	9	...	30	...	113	9	3	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	1	...	83	14	464	
Tailoring Trades	269	87	15	40	7	7	...	137	7	112	...	3	11	...	3	...	1	1	44	8	...	...	127	2	6	70	120	1,075	
Tramway Workers	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	14	
Miscellaneous	32	6	44	16	1	1	...	44	...	40	...	2	5	2	4	38	1	4	39	2	9	18	21	344	
Not Described	332	33	96	22	1	62	...	27	1	328	3	...	...	13	17	...	5	...	9	1	15	...	187	27	21	97	66	1,366	
TOTALS, 1916-17	2,820	1,527	550	489	37	872	...	1,602	13,014	554	31	393	35	28	35	...	28	23	299	41	17	42	1,172	131	201	2,350	814	15,055		
TOTALS, 1915-16	2,846	1,479	567	470	48	880	...	1,526	17	886	504	147	368	26	33	...	33	21	287	33	17	44	1,069	126	123	2,343	772	14,632		

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BORROWERS' AGES.

Burgesses	1,773	632	200	345	33	411	784	3	395	213	11	138	10	15	15	152	24	22	15	401	48	64	958	289	6,951
Under 15 years of age	801	1,070	348	320	23	292	1,492	7	400	501	56	261	40	23	17	305	113	4	38	787	146	180	1,334	873	9,431
From 15 to 20 years	1,001	424	142	130	8	163	494	3	136	187	16	70	18	8	7	88	12	4	10	344	29	24	1,334	218	4,097
From 21 to 25 years	486	195	48	32	4	74	193	2	83	58	1	22	2	2	1	33	1	4	2	129	11	16	252	96	1,747
From 26 to 30 years	253	115	31	...	...	104	150	1	56	47	...	26	1	1	4	24	1	...	3	93	4	7	231	56	1,233
From 31 to 40 years	291	214	50	57	2	171	214	1	73	55	5	40	5	2	1	30	8	1	1	107	15	2	273	81	1,707
From 41 to 50 years	135	164	36	35	2	128	110	...	46	30	...	15	2	...	...	16	1	1	1	46	11	3	184	31	997
Above 50 years	117	130	15	20	2	49	64	1	49	22	...	11	...	...	...	19	...	2	...	39	4	7	141	21	713
Age not stated	796	85	145	120	4	45	93	4	408	54	5	105	3	6	4	18	3	...	10	242	29	48	253	122	2,602
TOTALS, 1916-17	5,653	3,029	1,015	1,090	78	1,437	3,594	22	1,640	1,167	90	688	81	57	49	685	163	38	80	2,188	297	361	4,189	1787	29,478
TOTALS, 1915-16	6,237	2,914	1,051	1,083	99	1,492	3,285	23	1,580	1,103	301	634	63	60	45	688	198	43	89	2,117	285	256	4,197	1680	29,523
RECAPITULATION.																									
Males	2,833	1,502	465	601	41	565	1,992	9	626	554	59	295	46	29	26	386	122	21	38	1,016	166	160	1,839	973	14,364
Females	2,820	1,527	550	489	37	872	1,602	13	1,014	613	31	393	35	28	23	299	41	17	42	1,172	131	201	2,350	814	15,114
TOTALS, 1916-17	5,653	3,029	1,015	1,090	78	1,437	3,594	22	1,640	1,167	90	688	81	57	49	685	163	38	80	2,188	297	361	4,189	1787	29,478

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Association.	New York, U.S.	St. Louis, U.S.
Barnsley.	Newark, U.S.	Sunderland.
Boston, U.S.	Nottingham.	Toronto, Canada.
Bradford.	Ontario, Canada.	West Ham.
Brooklyn, U.S.	Oxford (Bodleian Library).	Western Reserve
Cardiff.	Oxford (Radcliffe Library).	University.
Chicago, U.S.	Philadelphia, U.S.	Wigan.
Cincinnati, U.S.	Pittsburgh, U.S.	Wisconsin, U.S.
Cleveland, U.S.	Port Elizabeth, South	Worcester.
Croydon.	Africa.	
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Aberdeen.	Gateshead.	Norwich.
Accrington.	Germantown, U.S.	Oldbury.
Arbroath.	Glasgow.	Oxford (Bodleian Library).
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Grand Rapids, U.S.	Pittsburg, U.S.
Baltimore (Enoch Pratt)	Hornsey.	Plymouth.
Barry.	Hove.	Port Elizabeth.
Belfast.	Huddersfield.	Portsmouth.
Birmingham.	Hull.	Preston.
Blackburn.	Hyde.	Providence, Rhode Island,
Bolton.	Ilkley.	U.S.
Bootle.	Ipswich.	Rochdale.
Boston, U.S.	Japan (Imperial Library).	St. Anne's-on-the-Sea.
Bradford.	Jersey City, U.S.	St. Helens.
Brighton.	Keighley.	St. Louis, U.S.
Brooklyn, U.S.	Kettering.	St. Louis, U.S., Mercantile
Buffalo, U.S.	Kidderminster.	Library Association.
Burnley.	Kilburn.	Salford.
Bury.	Leeds Library.	Scranton, U.S.
Buxton.	Lincoln.	Shoreditch.
Cambridge University.	London (Bishopsgate	Stockport.
Chelsea.	Foundation).	Taunton.
Chicago, U.S.	London (Cripplegate	Todmorden.
Chicago, U.S. (John	Foundation).	Toronto, Canada.
Crerar).	Los Angeles, U.S.	Torquay.
Chicago, U.S. Newberry	Loughborough.	Watford.
Library.	Lynn, Mass., U.S.	Walthamstow.
Cincinnati, U.S.	Middlesbrough.	Warrington.
Cleveland, U.S.	Milwaukee, U.S.	Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Cork.	Montreal, Canada.	West Bromwich.
Coventry.	Montrose.	Westminster.
Croydon.	Nelson.	Wigan.
Derby.	New South Wales.	Windsor, Canada.
Dundee.	Newark, N.J., U.S.	Worcester.
Ealing.	Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Workington.
Edinburgh.	Northampton.	York.

LENDING LIBRARIES AND NEWSROOMS.

NAME, LOCALITY, DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT, &C., OF EACH
LIBRARY AND NEWSROOM.

DAY LIBRARIES.

Name.	Locality.	Date of Establishment.	Hours When Open.	
			Lending Library.	Newsroom.
Central ...	Infirmery Street ...	April, 1872 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Do. ...	Municipal Buildings...	June, 1884 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
New Wortley ...	Whitehall Road ...	October, 1870 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Armley ...	Carr Crofts, Armley...	September, 1874 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Stocks Hill, Armley...	April, 1902 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Bramley ...	Town Street ...	December, 1874 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Hough Lane ...	May, 1882 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Woodhouse ...	Woodhouse Street ...	June, 1876 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Woodhouse Moor ...	March, 1902 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Kirkstall ...	No. 16, British Work- man, Kirkstall	January, 1877 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Abbey Road, Kirkstall	July, 1894 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Sheepscar ...	Chapelton Road ...	June, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Stanningley ...	Council School ...	October, 1877 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Baptist School ...	October, 1900 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Holbeck ...	Sweet Street West ...	October, 1877 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Do. ...	Nineveh Road ...	November, 1903 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Hunslet ...	Hunslet Road ...	October, 1870 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Do. ...	Balm Road ...	July, 1916 ...	10 a.m. to 1. 0 p.m. 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1. 0 p.m. 5 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Chapel-Allerton	Council School, Harrogate Road	April, 1878 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Harrogate Road ...	January, 1904 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
York Road ...	Council School, York Road	August, 1878 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	York Road ...	October, 1904 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Dewsbury Road	Council School, Bewerley Street	October, 1878 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	Dewsbury Road ...	July, 1903 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Headingley ...	Council School, Bennett Road	November, 1884 ...	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.	6 p.m. to 9. 0 p.m.
Do. ...	North Lane ...	September, 1892 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Upper Wortley...	Upper Wortley Road	January, 1900 ...	10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

EVENING LIBRARIES.

Name.	Locality.	Date of Establishment.	Hours When Open.
Burley ...	Council School, Burley Road	June, 1875 ...	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Primrose Hill ...	Council School, Primrose Hill	March, 1876 ...	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Lower Wortley	Council School, Lower Wortley	August, 1877 ...	Tuesday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Rodley ...	Council School, Rodley	October, 1877 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Do. ...	Baptist School, Rodley	March, 1912 ...	Every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
New Farnley	Ironworks' Reading Room, New Farnley	May, 1878 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Do. ...	Council School, New Farnley	May, 1897 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Farnley ...	Council School, Old Farnley	May, 1878 ...	Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Pudsey Town End	Balloon Row, Intake Road, Pudsey	December, 1892 ...	Tuesday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Meanwood	Wesleyan School, Meanwood	April, 1905 ...	Monday and Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Brownhill ...	Council School, Harehills Lane	July, 1905 ...	Every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

STATISTICS.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

	1916-17.	1915-16.
Number of Volumes in Stock	112,003	108,291
„ „ Purchased	3,238	2,233
„ „ Presented	487	371
„ „ Withdrawn as worn-out, duplicate or useless	22	18
„ „ Issued	91,994	106,628
„ „ Bound	594	693
Daily average of Volumes issued	298	348

LENDING LIBRARIES.

Number of Volumes in Central Lending Library	55,136	54,370
Daily average of Volumes issued in Central Lending Library	553	613
Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	167,988	166,343
„ „ in Juvenile Reading Rooms	4,659	5,392
„ „ Purchased	4,355	9,724
„ „ Presented	126	206
„ „ Withdrawn as worn-out or useless	5,695	5,305
„ „ Issued in Central Lending Library	170,536	187,704
„ „ Issued in Branch Lending Libraries	800,168	820,221
„ „ Issued in Juvenile Reading Rooms	124,423	136,374
Number of Borrowers' Tickets Issued	31,142	31,268
Number of Volumes Bound	5,971	5,050
Applications to Borrowers for the Return of Books	5,747	6,946
Volumes Lost or Damaged and Paid for	92	76
„ Lost by Borrowers and not yet recovered	9	19

GENERAL.

Total Number of Volumes in all the Libraries	336,074	334,396
Total Number of Volumes Issued	1,186,819	1,250,927
Estimated Number of Visitors to Central Newsroom	387,000	380,000
„ „ to Branch Reading Rooms	1,331,000	1,320,000
Population	459,260	—
Area of the City (acres)	26,275	26,275
Rateable Value of the City	£2,246,737	£2,235,289
Amount Produced by Rate	£12,843	£14,574

DATA.

Public Libraries' Act Adopted	March, 1868
First Chairman of the Libraries' Committee	Alderman W. Glover Joy
First Librarian Appointed	July, 1870
First Branch Libraries Opened at Hunslet and New Wortley	October, 1870
Central Reference Library Opened in Infirmary Street	October, 1871
Central Lending Library Opened	April, 1872
Central Library Removed to Municipal Buildings	June, 1884
School Libraries Established in Board Schools	September, 1884
Second Librarian Appointed	January, 1898
System of Juvenile Circulating Libraries Established	February, 1906
Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Leeds	September, 1903
Extra (non-fiction) Tickets issued	November, 1904
System of Travelling Libraries Established	October, 1906
Old Leeds Exhibition of Books, Prints, etc., held from	July to September, 1908
Open Access System Inaugurated at Rodley Branch	March, 1912
„ „ „ Kirkstall „	June, 1912
„ „ „ Armley „	October, 1912
Story Half-hour Talks to Children Inaugurated	December, 1912
Open Access System Inaugurated at Woodhouse Moor Branch	April, 1913
„ „ „ Dewsbury Road Branch	October, 1914
„ „ „ Sheepscar Branch	January, 1915
School Libraries Closed	1905
Total Issue of Books since the Opening	43,052,498

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